

**Supporting information for:**

**A sustainable and scalable multicomponent continuous-flow  
process to access fused imidazoheterocycle pharmacophores**

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## 1. General experimental information and equipment used

### 1.1. Solvents and reagents

*Unless otherwise stated:*

- Anhydrous solvents were not required, and glassware was not dried prior to use.
- All solvents and reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers, or from within GlaxoSmithKline's internal chemical storage system, and were used without further purification.
- Reactions were monitored by a combination of High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (LCMS) and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy analysis techniques.

Where intermediates have been synthesised in-house, all written procedures have been provided.

### 1.2. Chromatography

Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out with plastic-backed 50 precoated silica plates as the stationary phase (particle size 0.2 mm). Spots were visualized by ultraviolet (UV) light ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 254 \text{ nm}$  or 365 nm) in all cases. Normal phase silica gel chromatography was carried out using the Teledyne ISCO CombiFlash Rf+ apparatus with RediSep silica cartridges. Reverse phase chromatography was carried out using Teledyne ISCO CombiFlash Rf+ apparatus with Biotage SNAP KPC18-HS cartridges. In each case, the size of the cartridge, and gradient of the eluent mixture used for purification is mentioned within the procedure.

### 1.3 Mass Directed Auto Purification (MDAP)

MDAP was carried out using a Waters ZQ MS, using an Xselect C18 column (150 mm x 30 mm, 5  $\mu\text{m}$  packing diameter) and a 40 mL/min flow rate with alternate-scan positive and negative electrospray ionisation and a summed UV wavelength of 210–350 nm. Two liquid phase methods were used:

**Formic:** Gradient elution was performed at ambient temperature with the eluents as (A) H<sub>2</sub>O containing 0.1% volume/volume (v/v) formic acid and (B) acetonitrile containing 0.1% (v/v) formic acid.

**High pH:** Gradient elution was performed at ambient temperature with the eluents as (A) 10 mM aqueous ammonium bicarbonate solution, adjusted to pH 10 with aqueous ammonia and (B) acetonitrile.

The elution gradients used were at a flow rate of 40 mL/min over 20 or 30 min depending on separation:

Method A	5-30 % B
Method B	15-55 % B
Method C	30-85 % B
Method D	50-99 % B
Method E	80-99 % B

#### 1.4. Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (LCMS)

LCMS analysis was performed on an Acquity UPLC instrument equipped with a CSH™ C18 column (50 mm × 2.1 mm, 1.7 μm packing diameter) and micromass ZQ MS machine using alternate-scan positive and negative electrospray. Analytes were detected as a summed UV wavelength of 210-350 nm using Acquity 2998 photodiode array (PDA) and Acquity QDA mass detectors. Two liquid phase methods were used:

- **Method A – High pH (ammonium bicarbonate):** 40 °C, 1 mL/min flow rate. Gradient elution between (A) 10 mM aqueous ammonium bicarbonate solution, adjusted to pH 10 with 0.88 M aqueous ammonia, and (B) acetonitrile. Gradient conditions began at 1% B, and increased linearly to 97% B over 1.5 min, before remaining at 97%B for 0.4 min, and then increasing to 100 %B over 0.1 min.
- **Method B – Low pH (formic acid):** 40 °C, 1 mL/min flow rate. Gradient elution between (A) a 0.1% volume/volume (v/v) formic acid aqueous solution and (B) acetonitrile containing 0.1% volume/volume (v/v) formic acid. Gradient conditions began at 1% B, and increased linearly to 97% B over 1.5 min, before remaining at 97% B for 0.4 min, and then increasing to 100% B over 0.1 min.

#### 1.5. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in commercially supplied deuterated solvents at ambient temperature using standard pulse methods with the following spectrometers, and associated signal frequencies: Bruker® AV-400™ (<sup>1</sup>H = 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C = 101 MHz) and Bruker® AV-600™ (<sup>1</sup>H = 600 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C = 151 MHz). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported to the nearest 0.01 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals, and 0.1 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR signals, and are relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) reference, where δ (TMS) = 0.00 ppm. For <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopic analyses where no distinct TMS peak was observed, solvent references of 49.00 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD), 39.52 (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) and 77.16 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ppm, respectively, were used, according to the published literature.<sup>1</sup> All NMR analysis were performed in the following commercially supplied deuterated solvents: chloroform-*d*, methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub> and dimethyl sulfoxide-*d*<sub>6</sub>. Peak assignments were made based on data derived from <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, COSY, DEPT, HSQY, HMBC and NOESY analysis, where necessary. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported to the nearest 0.1 Hz for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic analyses, and the multiplicities of signals are described as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), quintet (quin), sextet (sxt), broad (br.) and multiplet (m), or a combination of these descriptors for extended coupling patterns. In cases where theoretically multiple couplings are observed as a single multiplicity (including when overlapping splitting patterns are observed), an apparent (app.) descriptor is used. The number of hydrogen, carbon, or fluorine atoms (*n*) responsible for a signal is indicated by nH or nC, respectively.

### 1.6. Infrared (IR) Spectroscopy

Infrared (IR) spectroscopy was performed using a Perkin Elmer Spectrum 1 machine. All absorption maxima ( $\nu_{\max}$ ) are reported in wavenumbers ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

### 1.7. High Resolution Mass Spectrometry (HRMS)

The HRMS method combined an Ultra High Performance Liquid Chromatography (UPLC) method using an Acquity UPLC BEH C18 column with column dimensions of 100 mm  $\times$  2.1 mm (1.7  $\mu\text{m}$  packing diameter), with a Waters XEVO G2-XS QToF mass spectrometer, using a positive electrospray ionisation, and a scan range of 100–1200 Atomic Mass Units (AMU). The UPLC separation was performed using the following liquid phase method:

**Low pH (formic acid):** 50 °C, 0.8 mL/min flow rate. Gradient elution between (A) a 0.1% volume/volume (v/v) solution of formic acid in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and (B) a 0.1% volume/volume (v/v) solution of formic acid in acetonitrile. Gradient conditions began at 3% B, before the gradient increased linearly to 100% B over 8.5 min. The gradient remained at 100% B for 0.5 min, and then returned to 3% B over 0.5 min, and was held at this gradient for a further 0.5 min. The whole process required 10 min.

In all cases, the UV detection used a summed signal from a wavelength range of 210–350 nm and an injection volume of 0.2  $\mu\text{L}$  was used.

### 1.8 High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)

HPLC analysis was carried out on an Agilent Zorbax SB-C18 machine, with column dimensions 50  $\times$  3.0 mm (1  $\mu\text{m}$  packing diameter). Analytes were measured at a UV wavelength of 220 nm. HPLC analysis was performed at 60 °C, at a 1.5 mL/min flow rate using a gradient elution between (A) 0.05% volume/volume (v/v) trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and (B) 0.05% volume/volume (v/v) trifluorotoluene (TFA) in acetonitrile. Gradient conditions began at 100% A, and eluted to 95% B and 5% A over a time frame of 2.5 min. The elution composition was then maintained for 12 sec, before increasing to 100% B over 0.6 s. The elution gradient is maintained at 100% B for a further 1.29 min. The whole gradient process takes 4.0 min. The injected volume of analyte solution is 1.0  $\mu\text{L}$ .

### 1.9 Melting Points

Melting points were recorded using a Büchi Melting Point M-565 machine. A melting point range of 40 C – 300 °C was measured, with a 5 °C/minute ramp rate.

### 1.10 Microwave (MW) Reactions

Reactions under microwave conditions were performed in a Biotage initiator+ microwave reactor.

### 1.11 Flow Reactions

Flow reactions were performed in a bespoke reactor. The reactor was made through the combination of a Syrris Asia syringe pump module, which utilised Syrris Asia green syringes (250  $\mu$ L/500  $\mu$ L volume syringes, which can facilitate a flow rate between 5  $\mu$ L to 1.25 mL/minute/channel) with a Vapourtec RS-200 machine using a 10 mL sample loop (2  $\times$  10 mL sample loops were used in the scale-up example). PFA tubing of outer diameter 1/8" (inner diameter 1/16") was used for the input of the Syrris module, whilst PFA tubing of 1/16" outer diameter and 1/32" inner diameter was used for the output of the Syrris module, and throughout the rest of the reactor. The tubing passed through two back pressure regulators of 75 and 40 psi (ca. 8.0 bar total back pressure was applied in the system). A picture of the flow setup is provided below (**Figure S1**), and this setup is also represented in the electronic line diagram (ELD) shown below (**Figure S2**).

## 2. Flow Reactor Diagram

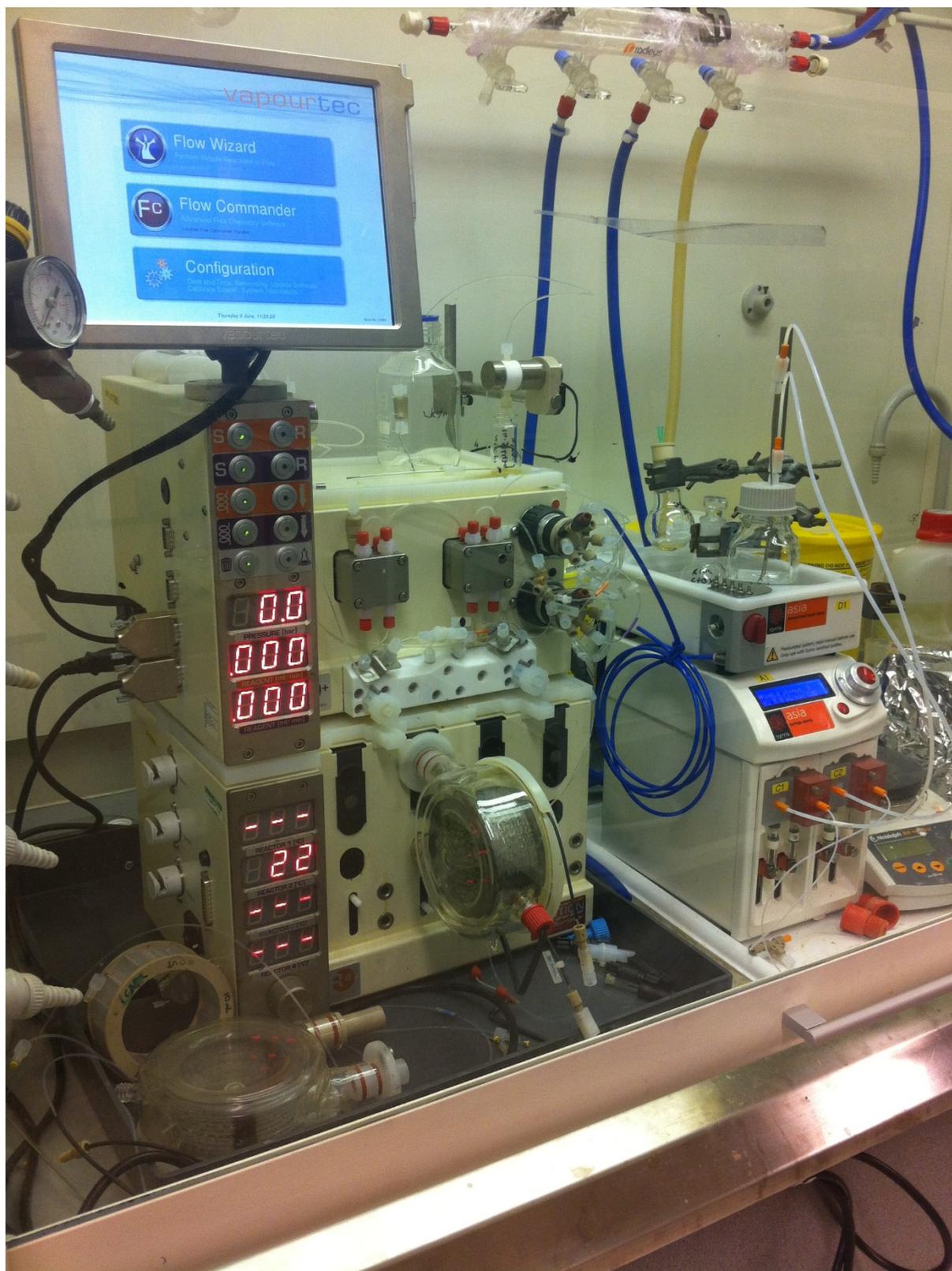
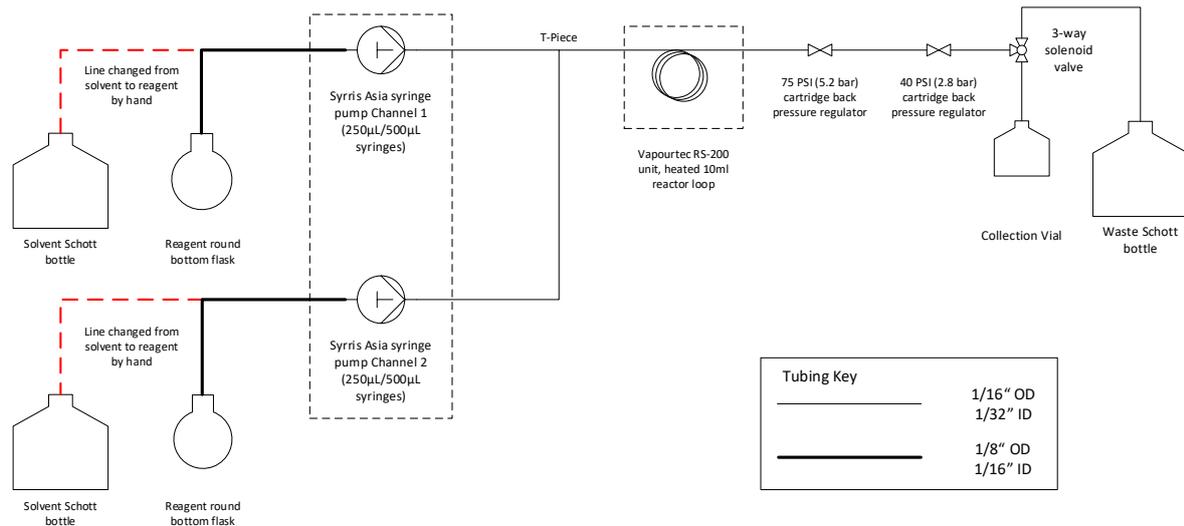


Figure S1: The bespoke flow chemistry setup used.

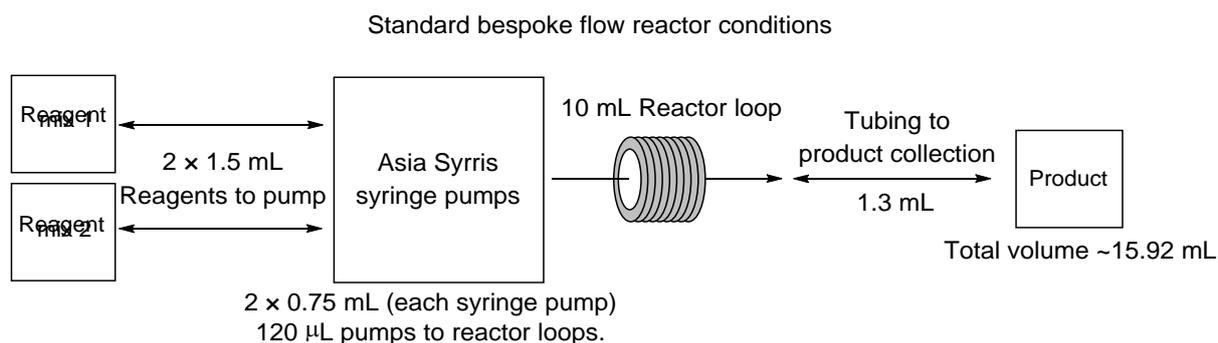


**Figure S2: ELD representation of the flow equipment used.**

### 3. Flow reactor volumes

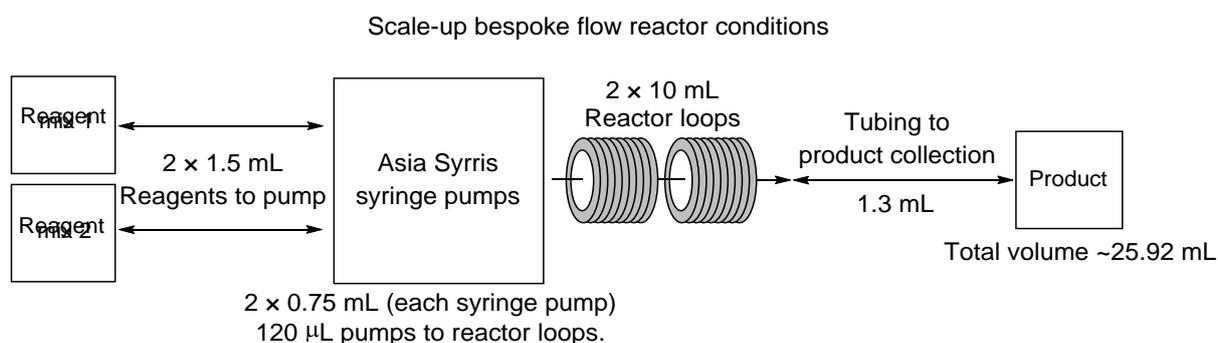
Calculations of the reactor volume of the flow setup were made by filling the flow reactor with toluene, before pumping a fluorescent Rose Bengal aqueous solution into the reactor, and observing the residence times in different parts of the reactor at a flow rate of 0.1 mL/min/line. Schematics detailing these reactor volumes are shown below for both the usual setup of the reactor (using 1 × 10 mL reaction loop, **Figure S3**) as well as for the scale-up example (using 2 × 10 mL reaction loops, **Figure S4**).

#### Standard setup for reactions:



**Figure S3:** Schematic representation for the usual 10 mL reaction volume setup used.

#### Scale-up reaction setup:



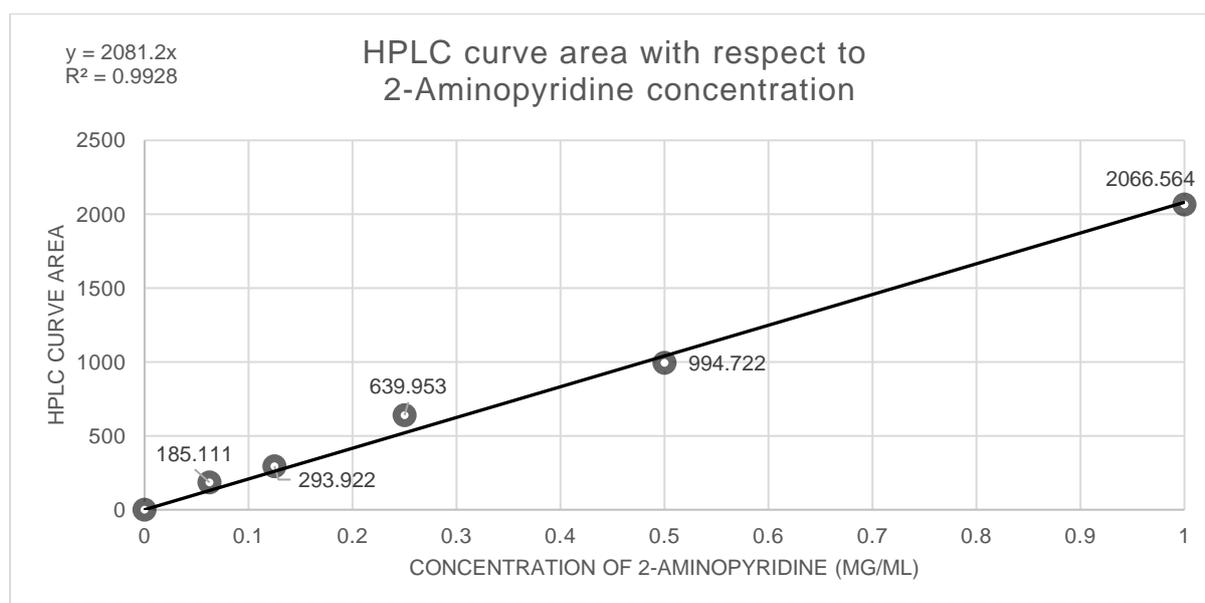
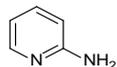
**Figure S4:** Schematic representation for the scale-up 20 mL reaction volume setup used.

#### 4. HPLC concentration gradients and associated procedure

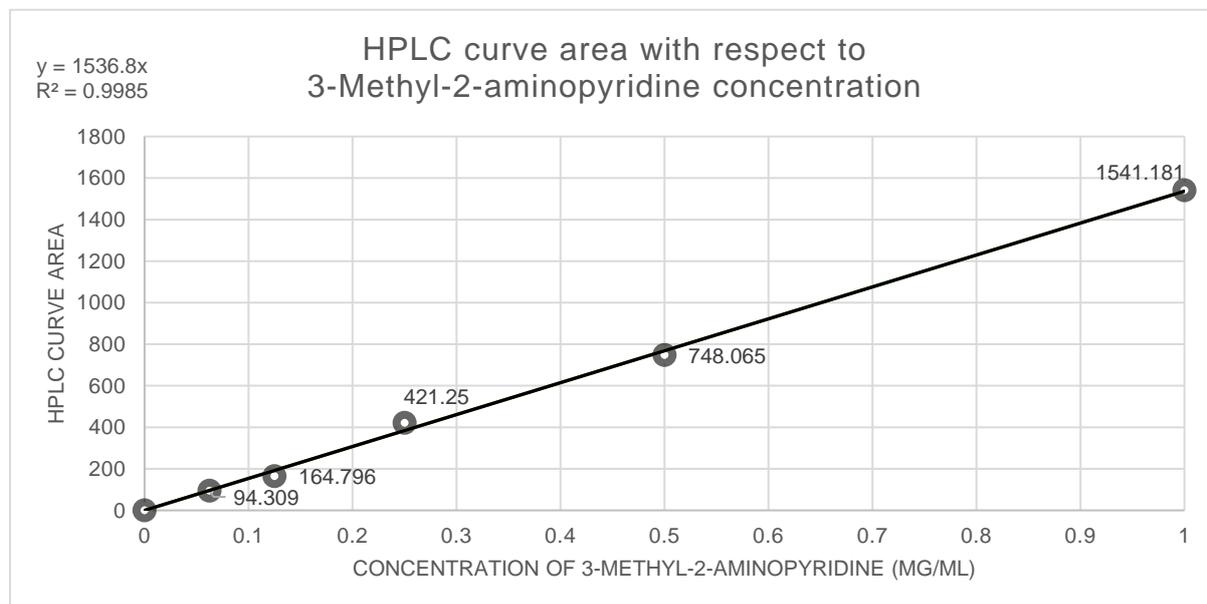
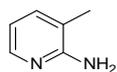
To prepare a HPLC concentration gradient for each amidine starting material, the following procedure was performed:

**HPLC concentration gradient general procedure:** 50.0 mg of the amidine of interest was dissolved in methanol to generate a 50.0 mL total solution volume of 1 mg/mL concentration. From this stock solution was separately taken 1.00 mL, 0.50 mL, 0.25 mL, 125  $\mu$ L and 62.5  $\mu$ L samples, which were each placed into HPLC vials. To these vials were added 0 mL, 0.50 mL, 0.75 mL, 0.875 mL, and 0.9375 mL methanol, respectively, to generate 1 mL solutions of varying concentrations. For each amidine, these concentration values were then plotted against the observed HPLC AUC data to generate concentration gradients. Only data with an  $R^2 \geq 0.99$  was accepted. If data was insufficiently uniform, the procedure was repeated.

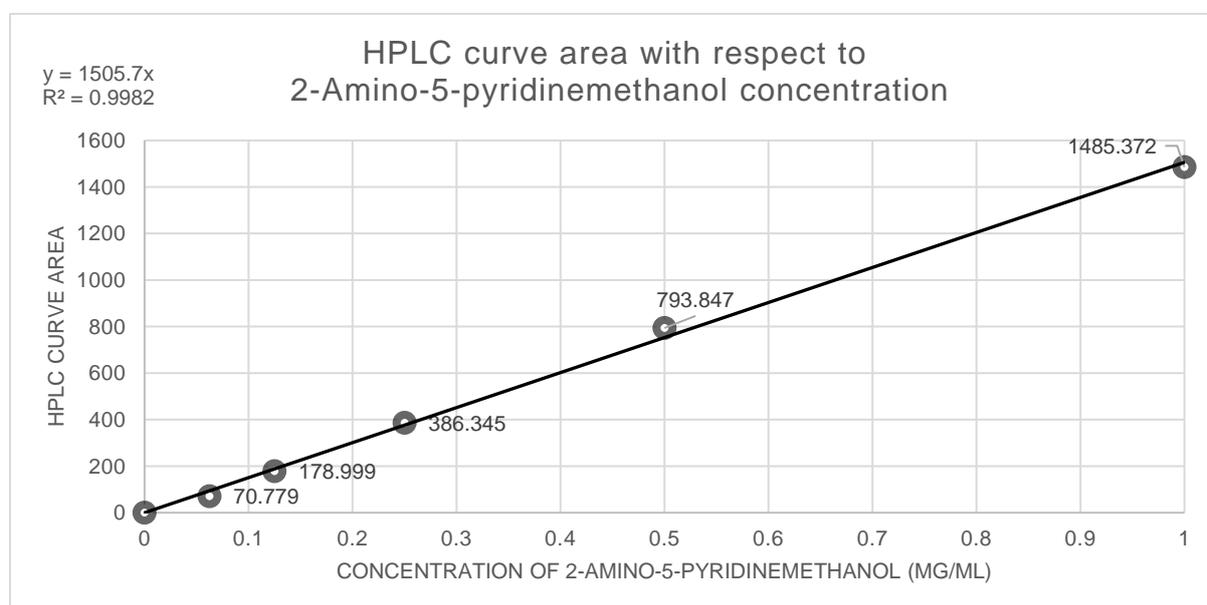
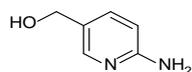
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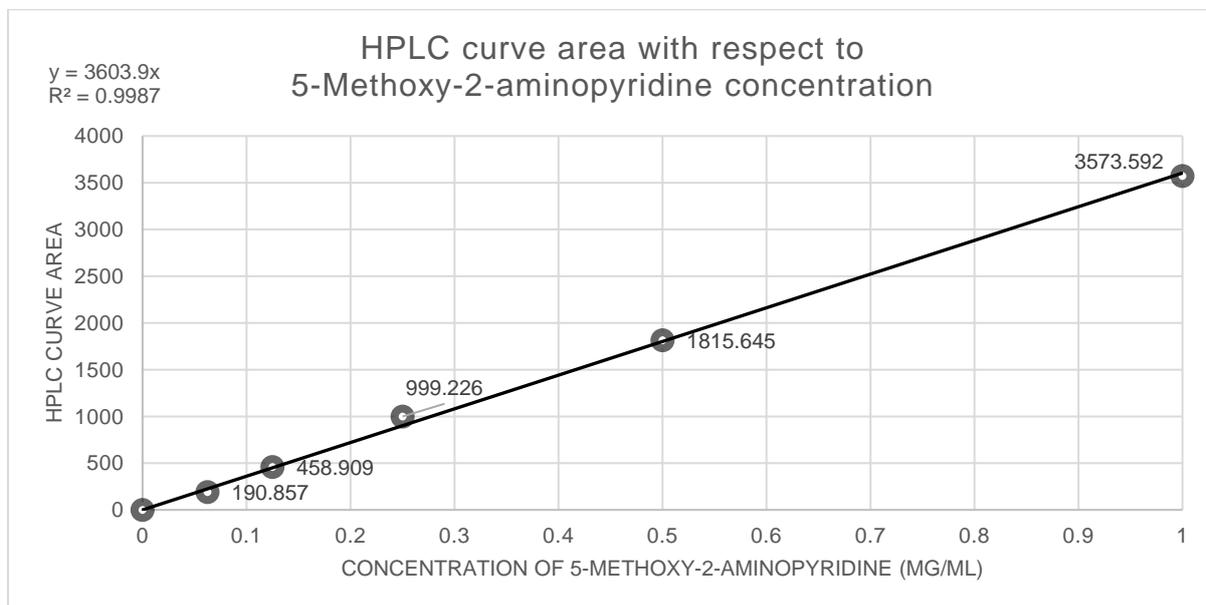
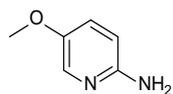
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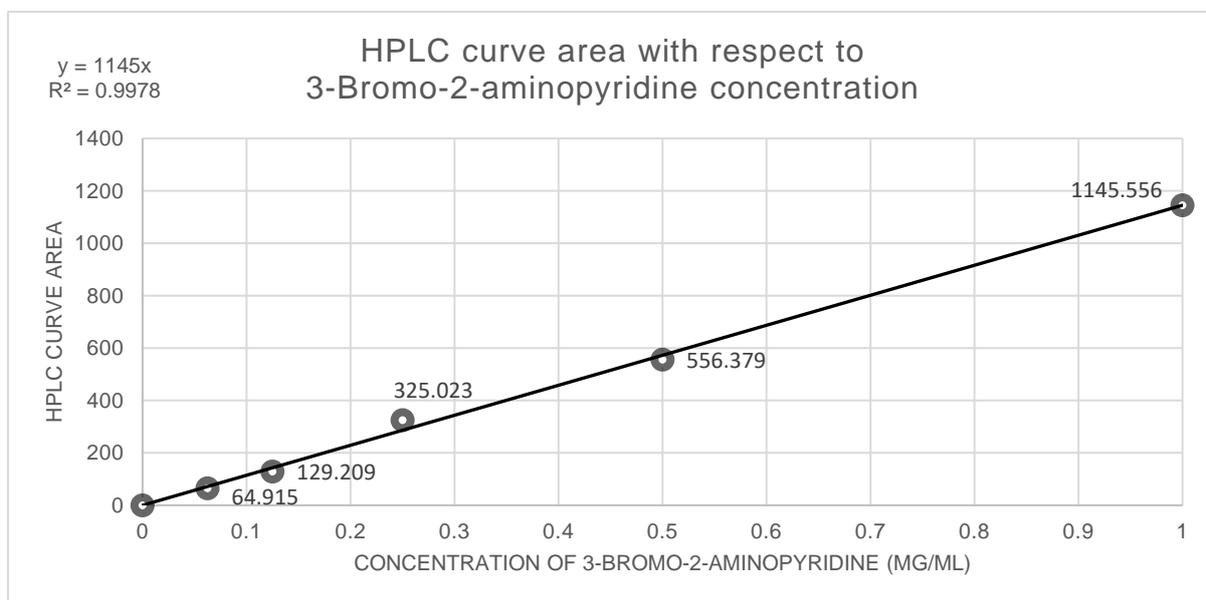
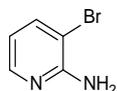
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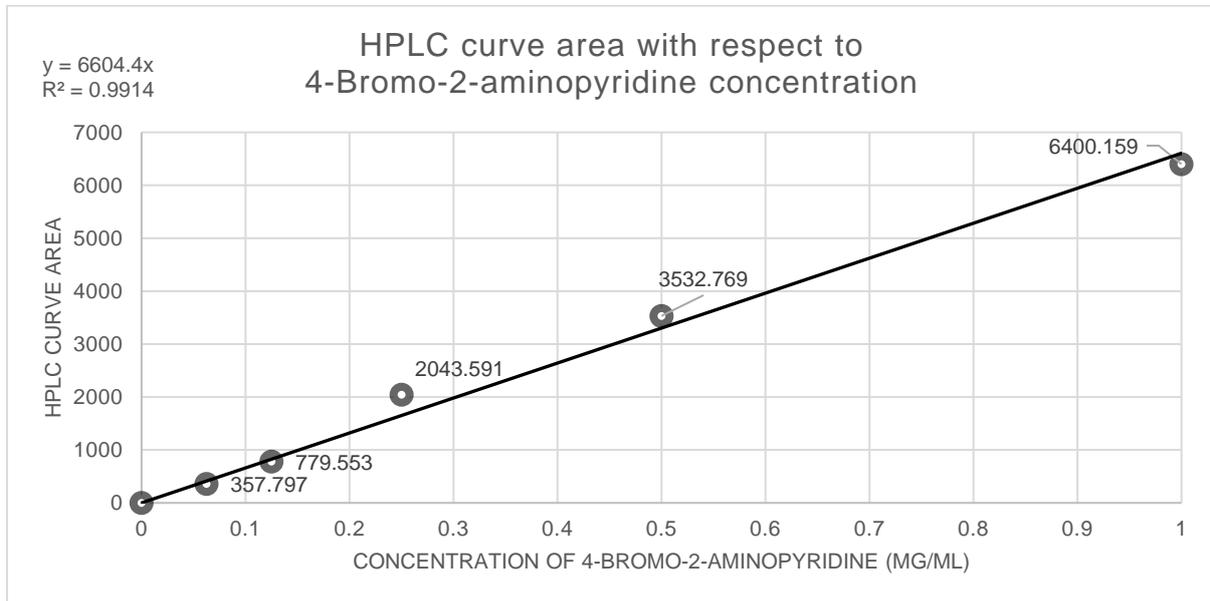
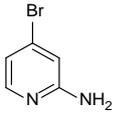
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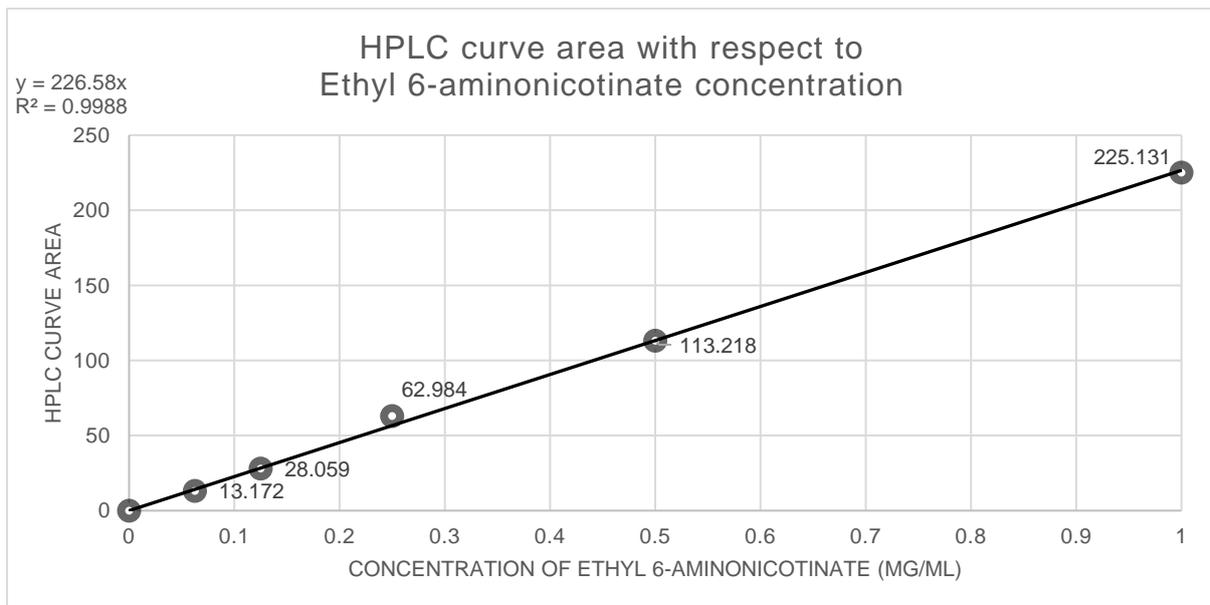
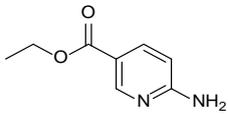
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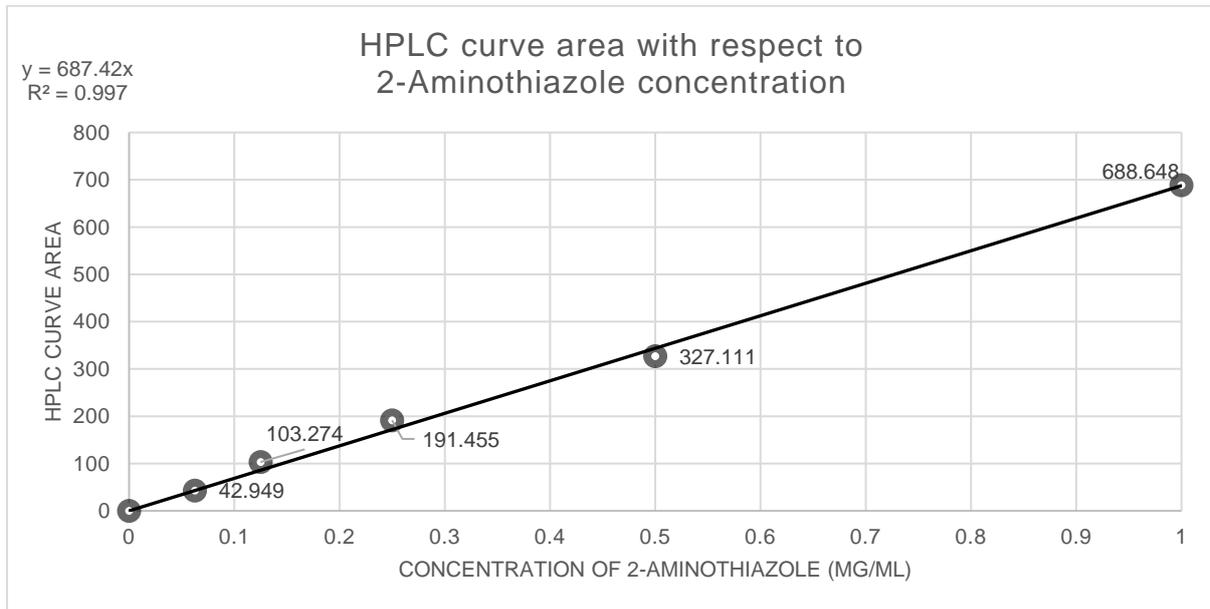
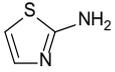
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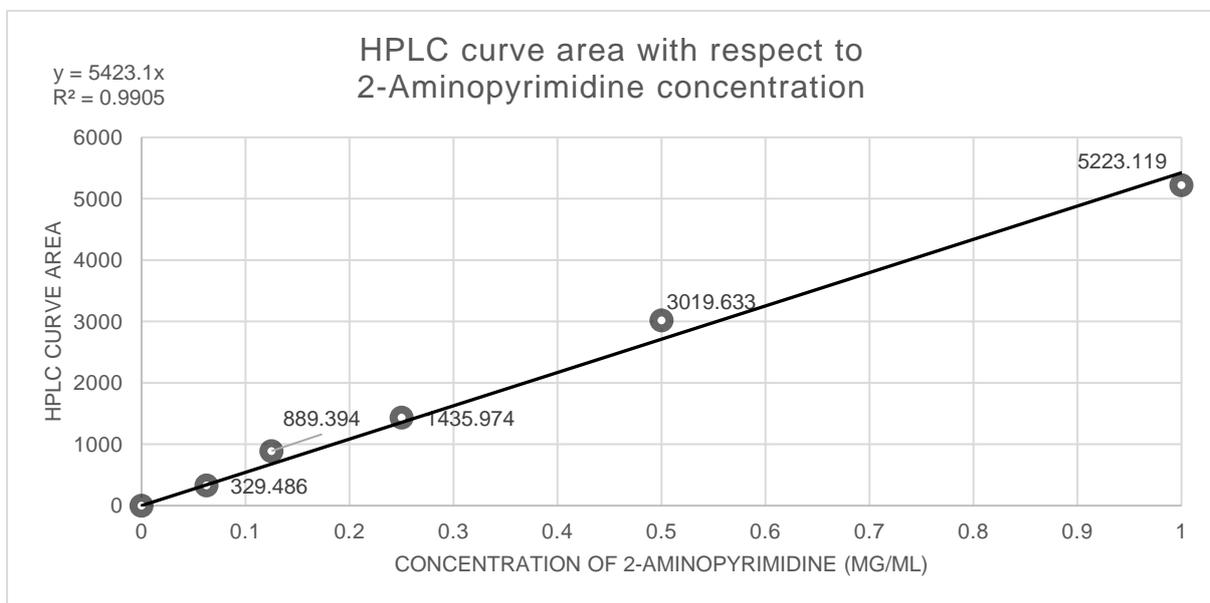
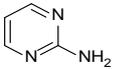
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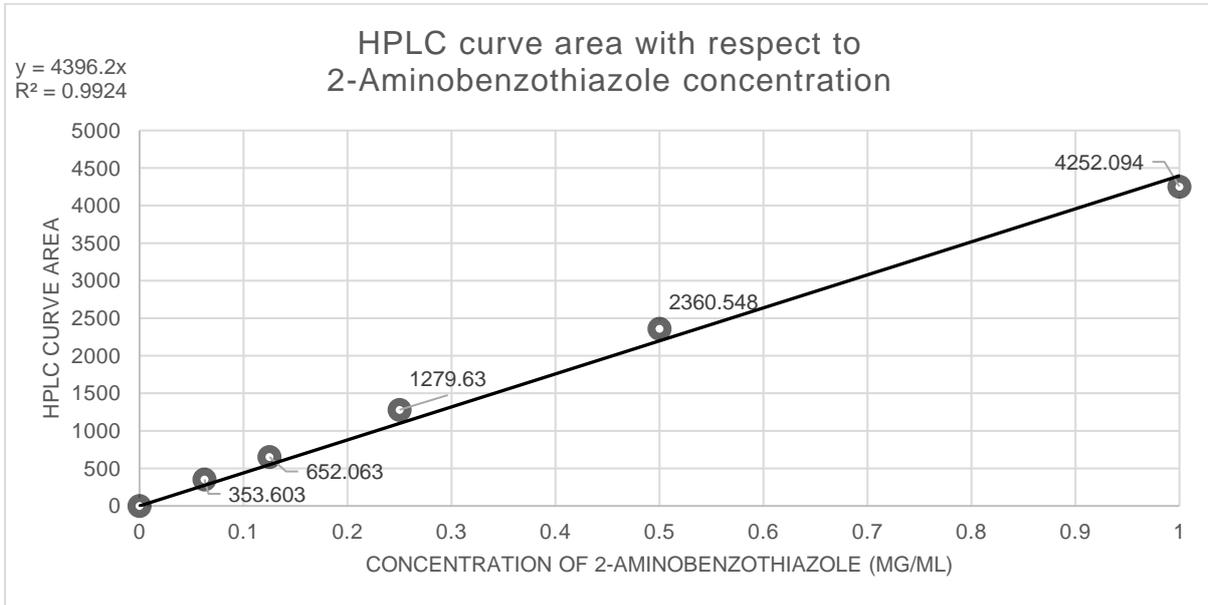
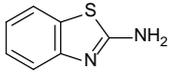
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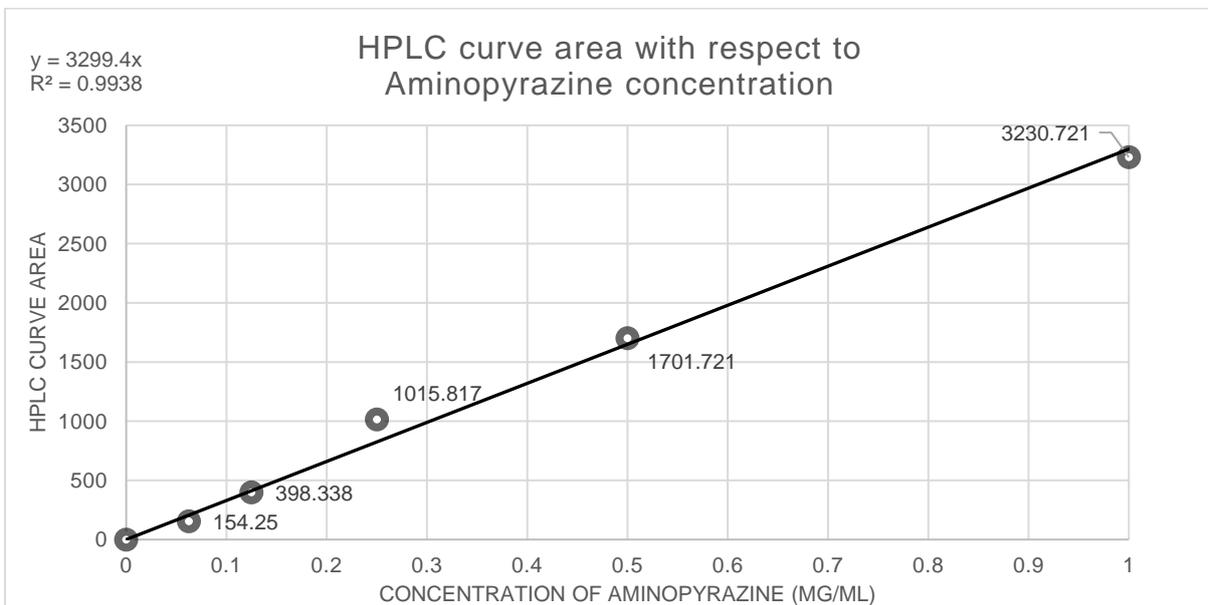
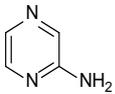
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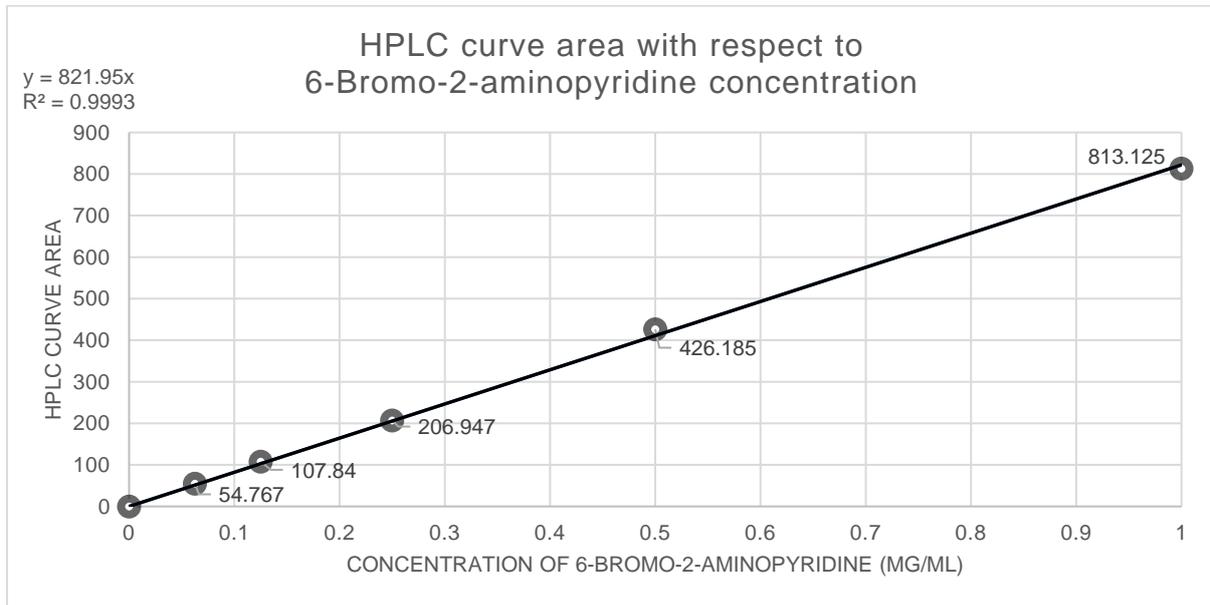
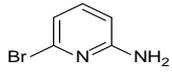
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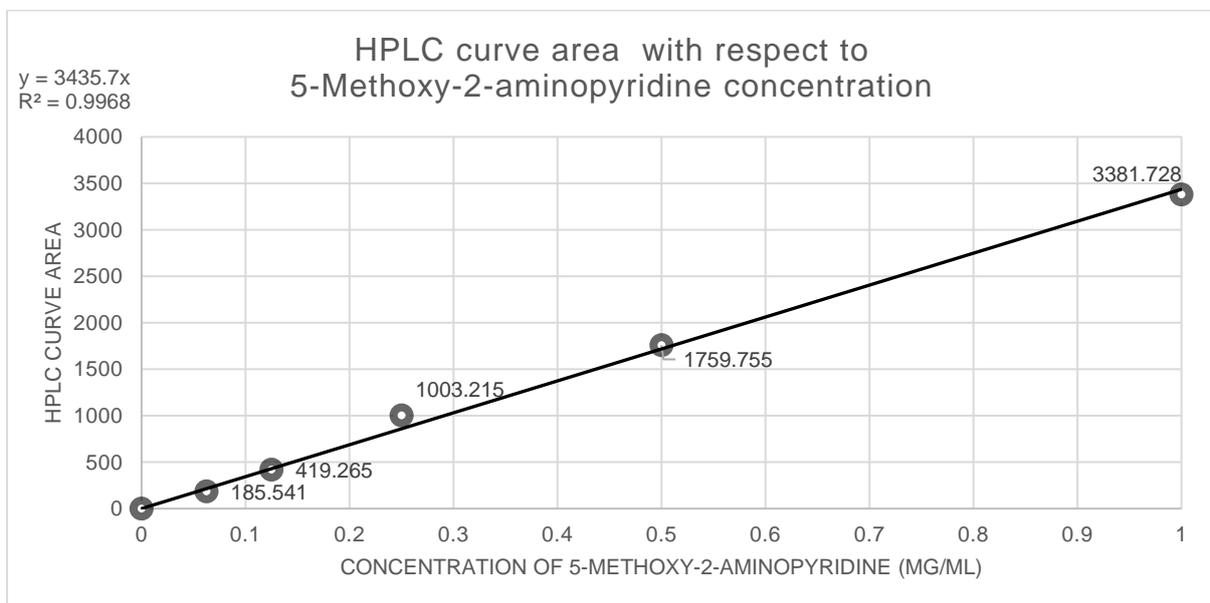
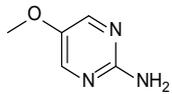
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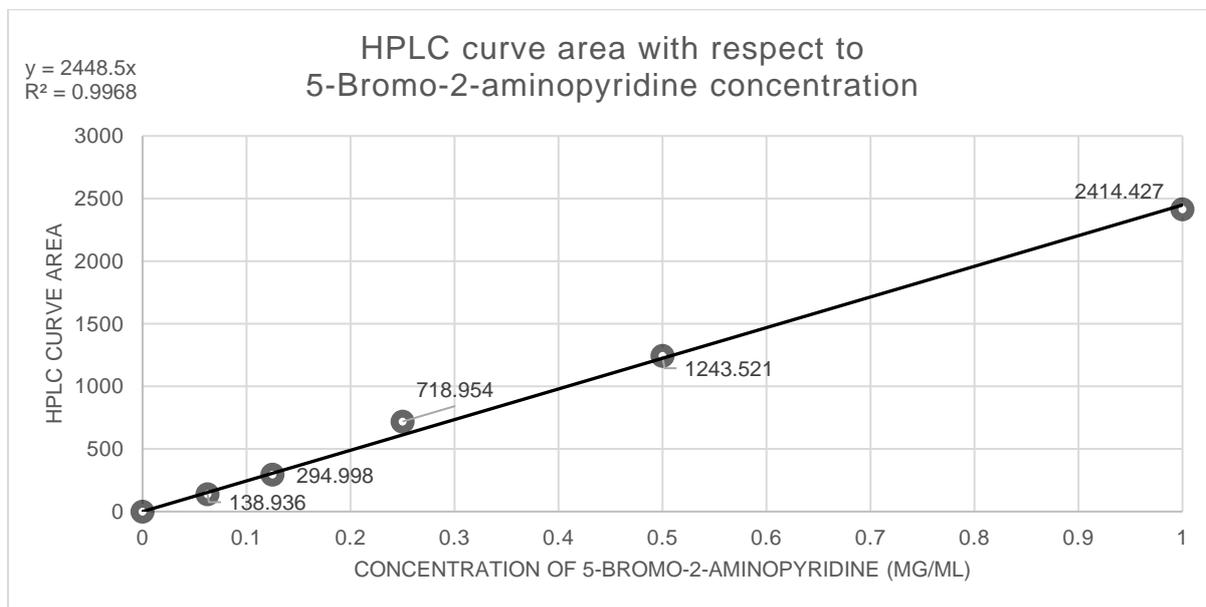
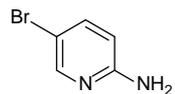
### 6-Bromo-2-aminopyridine 1l



### 5-Methoxy-2-aminopyrimidine 1m



### 5-Bromo-2-aminopyridine 1n



#### 4.1. Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients

Following flow reaction procedures,  $x$   $\mu\text{L}$  (see section 5. **Synthetic Procedures**) was removed from the crude reaction mixture and diluted with 1 mL methanol. The solution was analysed by HPLC. The area under curve (AUC) data from the HPLC run was attained, and, using the relevant concentration gradient, calculated as a concentration of starting material (in  $\text{mg}/(1.00 \text{ mL} + x \text{ } \mu\text{L})$ ) remaining in the crude reaction mixture. As the crude reaction mixture tested was present as a solution of  $(1.00 \text{ mL} + x \text{ } \mu\text{L})$  total volume, the value was adjusted (divided by  $(1.00 + x)$ ) to provide the data as a concentration in  $\text{mg/mL}$ .

Subsequently, taking the calculated concentration value of the crude material as a proportion of the maximal starting material concentration remaining in the reaction (if no starting material had been consumed) allowed for the calculation of remaining starting material in the reaction composition. As such, the equation used to calculate HPLC conversion is:

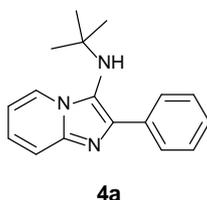
$$SM \text{ Consumption} = \left( 1 - \frac{(\text{Concentration of SM left in mixture (from AUC)} \div (1.00 + X))}{\text{Maximal SM concentration in } x \text{ } \mu\text{L reaction volume (conditions if no consumption was observed)}} \right) \times 100$$

**Equation S1: Calculation of starting material consumption in the reaction by HPLC analysis.**

## 5. Synthetic procedures

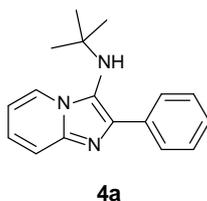
### 5.1. General Synthetic Procedures

**General procedure A: Optimisation of the synthesis of *N*-(*tert*-butyl)-2-phenylimidazo [1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine 4a, thermal conditions (Manuscript Table 1, Entries 1-4)**



In a 5 mL reaction tube was prepared a solution of 2-aminopyridine **1a** (100 mg, 1.06 mmol) and benzaldehyde **2a** (0.108 mL, 1.06 mmol) in 3 mL of the chosen solvent described in entries 1-4, **Manuscript Table 1**. 10 mol% (0.106 mmol) of the relevant catalyst was added to each reaction, before *N*-*tert*-butylisocyanide **3a** (0.120 mL, 1.06 mmol) was added to each, and the reaction mixtures were then heated to 50 °C for 24 h. The reactions were sampled (20 µL taken) and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients) at time points of 1 h, 2 h and 20 h. After 24 h, the final aliquot was removed and analysed by HPLC analysis by the same method to determine the end point conversion. The products were not isolated.

**General procedure B: Optimisation of the synthesis of *N*-(*tert*-butyl)-2-phenylimidazo [1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine 4a, microwave conditions (Manuscript Table 1, Entries 6-9)**



To a 5 mL microwave vial was added a solution of 2-aminopyridine **1a** (100 mg, 1.06 mmol), benzaldehyde **2a** (either **(a)** 108 µL, 1.06 mmol or **(b)** 216 µL, 2.13 mmol), *N*-*tert*-butylisocyanide **3a** (either **(c)** 120 µL, 1.06 mmol or **(d)** 240 µL, 2.13 mmol) and one of: 4 M HCl (solution in dioxane, either **(e)** 266 µL, 1.06 mmol or **(f)** 27.0 µL, 0.106 mmol), 1.25 M HCl (solution in ethanol, **(g)** 85.0 µL, 0.106 mmol), or no catalyst **(h)** was added in ethanol solvent (3 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated at 130 °C for 50 min, before an aliquot (of either **(i)** 5 µL or **(j)** 10 µL) was taken, and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients) to determine starting material consumption. In all cases, the products were not isolated.

**General procedure C: Flow GBBR method using aryl- and heteroaryl aldehydes, giving products 4a-4q (Manuscript Table 1, Entry 10, and Scheme 4)**

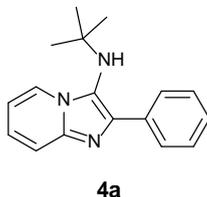
A stock solution of the aminoazine (2.00 mmol), aryl or heteroaryl aldehyde (4.00 mmol or 2.00 mmol), and HCl solution (1.25 M in ethanol, 0.160 mL, 0.200 mmol) was prepared in ethanol (10 mL total solution volume). Then, a solution of the relevant isocyanide (4.00 mmol) was prepared in ethanol (10 mL total solution volume). The flow reactor was heated to 130 °C whilst pumping clean ethanol through the system at a flow rate of 0.1 mL/min/line. Once at temperature, each of the two input lines was placed into one of the two stock solutions, and the reagents were pumped at 0.1 mL/min/line for 50 min (5 mL removed from each solution). The input lines were then changed back to the solvent reservoir and pumped to waste for 25 min to account for the dead volume in the reactor. The product solution was then collected for 61.75 min (12.4 mL collected), after which time the flow reactor was cooled and turned off. The reaction solutions were then analysed by the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients) to determine starting material consumption. The remaining crude material was isolated by either passage through an Isolute® 5 g aminopropyl frit followed by drying *in vacuo*, or concentrated directly *in vacuo*, and, if required, purified by flash column chromatography.

**General procedure D: Flow GBBR method using alkyl aldehydes, giving products 4r-4t, 4v-4z (Manuscript Scheme 5)**

A stock solution of the aminoazine (2.00 mmol), and isocyanide (4.00 mmol) was prepared in ethanol (10 mL total solution volume). Then, a solution of the formaldehyde (2.24 mmol), or alkyl aldehyde (4.00 mmol), and 1.25 M HCl (solution in ethanol, 0.160 mL, 0.200 mmol) was prepared in ethanol (10 mL total solution volume). The flow reactor was heated to 130 °C whilst pumping clean ethanol through the system at a flow rate of 0.1 mL/min/line. Once at temperature, each of the two input lines was placed into one of the two stock solutions, and the reagents were pumped at 0.1 mL/min/line for 50 min (5 mL removed from each solution). The input lines were changed back to the solvent reservoir and pumped to waste for 25 min to account for the dead volume in the reactor. The desired product solution was then collected for 61.75 min (12.4 mL collected), after which time the flow reactor was cooled and turned off. The reaction solutions were then analysed by the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients) to determine starting material consumption. The product was isolated by concentration *in vacuo*, and, if required, purified by flash column chromatography.

## 5.2. Reaction Optimisation

Optimisation of the synthesis of *N*-(*tert*-butyl)-2-phenylimidazo [1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4a**, under thermal conditions (Manuscript Table 1, Entries 1-4)



Following General Procedure A, the data are given below as (a) solvent; (b) catalyst; (c) HPLC conversion after 24 h; and (d) any further observations.

**Table 1, Entry 1:** (a) toluene solvent; (b) Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (52.3 mg, 0.106 mmol); (c) quantitative conversion; (d) heterogenous mixture.

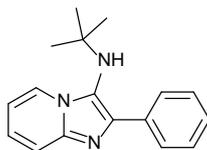
**Table 1, Entry 2:** (a) methanol solvent; (b) HClO<sub>4</sub> (70 % wt. in H<sub>2</sub>O, 9.2 μL, 0.106 mmol); (c) 92 % conversion.

**Table 1, Entry 3:** (a) acetonitrile solvent; (b) HCl (4 M solution in dioxane, 27 μL, 0.106 mmol); (c) 77 % conversion.

**Table 1, Entry 4:** (a) ethanol solvent; (b) HCl (4 M solution in dioxane, 27 μL, 0.106 mmol); (c) 91 % conversion.

See Section 5.3 for analytical data for compound **4a**.

**Optimisation of the synthesis of *N*-(*tert*-butyl)-2-phenylimidazo [1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine 4a, under microwave conditions (Manuscript Table 1, Entries 6-9)**



**4a**

Following General Procedure B, the reaction conditions are shown below, with the accompanying level of conversion as determined by HPLC analysis.

**Table 1, Entry 6:** Conditions used: **(a), (c), (e), (i)**, 75 % conversion.

**Table 1, Entry 7:** Conditions used: **(a), (c), (h), (i)**, 36 % conversion.

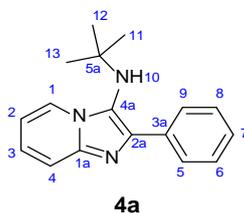
**Table 1, Entry 8:** Conditions used: **(b), (d), (f), (j)**, quantitative conversion.

**Table 1, Entry 9:** Conditions used: **(b), (d), (g), (j)**, quantitative conversion.

See the following section, Section 5.3, for compound data, and for the experiments relating to **Manuscript Table 1, Entries 5 and 10**.

### 5.3. Synthetic Procedures

#### *N*-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4a**



**Preparation under MW conditions (Table 1, Entry 5):** To a 5 mL microwave vial was added a solution of 2-aminopyridine **1a** (0.100 g, 1.06 mmol), benzaldehyde **2a** (0.108 mL, 1.06 mmol), *N*-*tert*-butylisocyanide **3a** (0.120 mL, 1.06 mmol) and HCl (4 M solution in dioxane 27  $\mu$ L, 0.106 mmol) in ethanol (3 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated at 130  $^{\circ}$ C for 50 min. After cooling, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot was removed from the reaction mixture and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 93 % of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The remaining reaction mixture was dried *in vacuo*, and the residue purified by flash column chromatography using a 40 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of cyclohexane to 40 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford *N*-(*tert*-butyl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4a** (236 mg, 0.889 mmol, 84 % yield) as an off-white solid.

#### **Preparation under flow conditions (Table 1, Entry 10)**

The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using 2-aminopyridine **1a** (94.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), benzaldehyde **2a** (0.203 mL, 2.00 mmol) and *N*-*tert*-butylisocyanide **3a** (0.226 mL, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the reaction, a 50  $\mu$ L aliquot was removed from the reaction mixture, diluted with 0.95 mL methanol, and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 97% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The crude reaction mixture was passed through an Isolute<sup>®</sup> 5 g aminopropyl frit, washing with 20 mL methanol, before solvent removal *in vacuo* afforded *N*-(*tert*-butyl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4a** (256 mg, 0.965 mmol, 96 % yield) as an off-white/yellow solid.

**mp:** 166-167  $^{\circ}$ C.

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3319, 2968, 1443, 1362, 1331, 1209, 757, 701.

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta$  8.23 (app. dt,  $J = 7.1$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.3$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^1$ ), 7.90 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}^5 + \text{CH}^9$ ), 7.53 (app. dt,  $J = 9.1$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^4$ ), 7.45 - 7.40 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}^6 + \text{CH}^8$ ), 7.32 (tt,  $J = 7.6$ ,

$^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.3$  Hz, 1H, CH<sup>7</sup>), 7.12 (ddd,  $J = 9.1, 7.1, ^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 6.76 (td,  $J = 6.8, ^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H, CH<sup>2</sup>), 3.10 (br. s, 1H, NH<sup>10</sup>), 1.04 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>11</sup>, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>12</sup> + CH<sub>3</sub><sup>13</sup>).

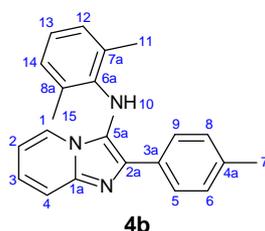
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  142.1 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 139.6 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 135.4 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 128.3 (C<sup>6</sup>H + C<sup>8</sup>H), 128.2 (C<sup>5</sup>H + C<sup>9</sup>H), 127.3 (C<sup>7</sup>H), 123.9 (C<sup>3</sup>H), 123.5 (C<sup>2a</sup> + C<sup>1</sup>H), 117.4 (C<sup>4</sup>H), 111.2 (C<sup>2</sup>H), 56.4 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 30.3 (C<sup>11</sup>H<sub>3</sub>, C<sup>12</sup>H<sub>3</sub> + C<sup>13</sup>H<sub>3</sub>).

The spectroscopic data is in accordance with that reported in the literature.<sup>2</sup>

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 1.16$  min,  $[M+H]^+$   $m/z = 266.2$ .

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $[M+H]^+$  C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: 266.1657; found: 266.1667.

#### ***N*-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-2-(*p*-tolyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine 4b**



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using 2-aminopyridine **1a** (94.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), 4-methylbenzaldehyde **2b** (0.236 mL, 2.00 mmol) and 2,6-dimethylphenylisocyanide (262 mg, 2.00 mmol) **3b** as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu\text{L}$  aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 83% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The crude mixture was passed through an Isolute<sup>®</sup> 5 g aminopropyl frit, washing with 20 mL methanol, before solvent removal *in vacuo* afforded the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography using a 40 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of cyclohexane to 30 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford *N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-2-(*p*-tolyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4b** (267 mg, 0.815 mmol, 82 % yield) as an off-white solid.

**mp:** 189-190 °C (dec.)

**IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3364, 1562, 1470, 1231, 825, 747.

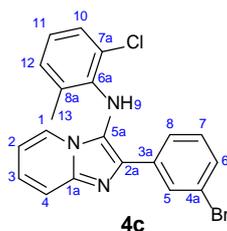
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  8.00 (br. d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H, CH<sup>5</sup> + CH<sup>9</sup>), 7.58-7.53 (m, 2H, CH<sup>1</sup> + CH<sup>4</sup>), 7.16 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H, CH<sup>6</sup> + CH<sup>8</sup>), 7.11 (ddd,  $J = 9.1, 6.5, ^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 6.96 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, CH<sup>12</sup> + CH<sup>14</sup>), 6.78 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, CH<sup>13</sup>), 6.65 (td,  $J = 6.5, ^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H, CH<sup>2</sup>), 5.37 (br. s, 1H, NH<sup>10</sup>), 2.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>7</sup>), 2.00 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>11</sup> + CH<sup>15</sup>).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 141.3 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 140.3 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 139.4 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 137.4 (C<sup>2a</sup>), 129.9 (C<sup>12</sup>H + C<sup>14</sup>H), 129.2 (C<sup>6</sup>H + C<sup>8</sup>H), 127.0 (C<sup>5</sup>H + C<sup>9</sup>H), 125.3 (C<sup>7a</sup> + C<sup>8a</sup>), 124.1 (C<sup>3</sup>H), 122.2 (C<sup>1</sup>H), 121.0 (C<sup>13</sup>H), 120.4 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 119.6 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 117.5 (C<sup>4</sup>H), 112.2 (C<sup>2</sup>H), 21.3 (C<sup>7</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (C<sup>11</sup>H<sub>3</sub> + C<sup>15</sup>H<sub>3</sub>).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):** R<sub>t</sub> = 1.30 min, [M+H]<sup>+</sup> m/z 328.1.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):** m/z calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: 328.1808, found: 328.1798.

**2-(3-Bromophenyl)-N-(2-chloro-6-methylphenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-amine 4c**



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using 2-aminopyridine **1a** (94.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), 3-bromobenzaldehyde **2c** (0.233 mL, 2.00 mmol) and 2-chloro-6-methylphenylisocyanide **3c** (303 mg, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10 μL aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 88% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The crude mixture was passed through an Isolute® 5 g aminopropyl frit, washing with 30 mL methanol, before solvent removal *in vacuo* afforded the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography using a 40 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of cyclohexane to 30 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford 2-(3-bromophenyl)-N-(2-chloro-6-methylphenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-amine **4c** (345 mg, 0.836 mmol, 84 % yield) as a white powder.

**mp:** 188-189 °C (dec.)

**IR ν<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3309, 1596, 1466, 1351, 753, 681.

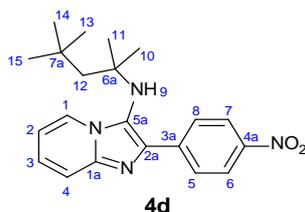
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.16 (app. t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>1</sup>), 7.96 (dt, *J* = 7.6, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>8</sup>), 7.86 (dt, *J* = 6.6, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>6</sup>), 7.62 (br. d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>4</sup>), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 2.0, <sup>5</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>7</sup>), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 8.1, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 7.24-7.17 (m, 2H, CH<sup>10</sup> + CH<sup>12</sup>), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>5</sup>), 6.81 (td, *J* = 6.6, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>2</sup>), 6.77 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>11</sup>), 6.12 (br. s, 1H, NH<sup>9</sup>), 1.56 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>13</sup>).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 141.7 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 138.5 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 136.9 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.1 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 131.2 (C<sup>5</sup>H), 130.6 (C<sup>7</sup>H), 130.1 (C<sup>1</sup>H), 129.8 (C<sup>12</sup>H), 127.6 (C<sup>3</sup>H), 127.5 (C<sup>2a</sup>), 125.7 (C<sup>8</sup>H), 125.1 (C<sup>10</sup>H), 123.1 (C<sup>8a</sup>), 122.6 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 122.5 (C<sup>6</sup>H), 121.7 (C<sup>11</sup>H), 120.0 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 117.7 (C<sup>4</sup>H), 112.8 (C<sup>2</sup>H), 18.2 (C<sup>13</sup>H<sub>3</sub>).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 1.35$  min,  $[M+H]^+$   $m/z$  412.0.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $[M+H]^+$   $C_{20}H_{16}^{79}Br^{35}ClN_3$ : 412.0216, found: 412.0206.  $m/z$  calculated for  $[M+H]^+$   $C_{20}H_{16}^{79}Br^{37}ClN_3$ : 414.0187;  $m/z$  calculated for  $[M+H]^+$   $C_{20}H_{16}^{81}Br^{35}ClN_3$ : 414.0196; found: 414.0181.  $m/z$  calculated for  $[M+H]^+$   $C_{20}H_{16}^{81}Br^{37}ClN_3$ : 416.0166, found: 416.0163.

### 2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4d**



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using 2-aminopyridine **1a** (94.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), 4-nitrobenzaldehyde **2d** (302 mg, 2.00 mmol) and 1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutylisocyanide **3d** (351  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 91% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the resulting crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using a 40 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 10 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to 40 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4d** (267 mg, 0.729 mmol, 73 % yield) as a bright orange powder.

An analytically pure sample was prepared *via* MDAP isolation (High pH), Method D, 30 min run.

**mp:** 159-160  $^{\circ}C$

**IR  $\nu_{max}$  ( $cm^{-1}$ ):** 2946, 1588, 1497, 1330, 752.

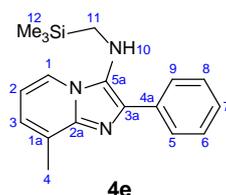
**$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):**  $\delta$  8.31-8.27 (m, 2H,  $CH^6 + CH^7$ ), 8.22-8.17 (m, 3H,  $CH^1$ ,  $CH^5 + CH^8$ ), 7.55 (app. dt,  $J = 8.9$ ,  $^4J_{HH} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H,  $CH^4$ ), 7.19 (ddd,  $J = 8.8$ , 6.9,  $^4J_{HH} = 1.5$  Hz, 1H,  $CH^3$ ), 6.83 (td,  $J = 6.4$ ,  $^4J_{HH} = 1.5$  Hz, 1H,  $CH^2$ ), 3.13 (br. s, 1H,  $NH^9$ ), 1.64 (2H, s,  $CH_2^{12}$ ), 1.07 (9H, s,  $CH_3^{13}$ ,  $CH_3^{14} + CH_3^{15}$ ), 1.00 (6H, s,  $CH_3^{10} + CH_3^{11}$ ).

**$^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):**  $\delta$  146.8 ( $C^{4a}$ ), 142.6 ( $C^{1a}$ ), 142.3 ( $C^{3a}$ ), 137.5 ( $C^{5a}$ ), 128.7 ( $C^1H$ ), 124.9 ( $C^3H$ ), 124.6 ( $C^{2a}$ ), 123.6 ( $C^6H + C^7H$ ), 123.5 ( $C^5H + C^8H$ ), 117.8 ( $C^4H$ ), 112.0 ( $C^2H$ ), 61.1 ( $C^{6a}$ ), 57.3 ( $C^{12}H_2$ ), 31.9 ( $C^{13}H_3, C^{14}H_3 + C^{15}H_3$ ), 31.8 ( $C^{7a}$ ), 29.2 ( $C^{10}H_3 + C^{11}H_3$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 1.44$  min,  $[M+H]^+$   $m/z$  367.2.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):** m/z calculated for  $[M+H]^+$  C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 367.2129, found: 367.2118.

## 8-Methyl-*N*-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4e**



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using 3-methyl-2-aminopyridine **1b** (101  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.00 mmol), benzaldehyde **2a** (203  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.00 mmol) and (isocyanomethyl)trimethylsilane **3e** (282  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu\text{L}$  aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 64% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, then the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography using an 80 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of cyclohexane to 10 % TBME in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford 8-methyl-*N*-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4e** (169 mg, 0.546 mmol, 55 % yield) as a white crystalline solid.

Analytically pure sample prepared *via* MDAP isolation (High pH), Method D, 30 min run.

**mp:** 80-81  $^{\circ}\text{C}$

**IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 2952, 1494, 1349, 1246, 844.

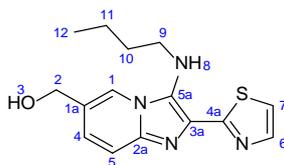
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$ ):**  $\delta$  7.99-7.94 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}^5 + \text{CH}^9$ ), 7.86 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^1$ ), 7.48-7.43 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}^6 + \text{CH}^8$ ), 7.31 (tt,  $J = 7.4$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.5$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^7$ ), 6.92 (app. dt,  $J = 6.8$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.1$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^3$ ), 6.71 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^2$ ), 2.92 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{NH}^{10}$ ), 2.64 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3^4$ ), 2.56 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^{11}$ ), 0.16 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_3^{12}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3^{13} + \text{CH}_3^{14}$ ).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$ ):**  $\delta$  141.6 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 134.7 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 134.3 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 129.1 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 128.6 ( $\text{C}^6\text{H} + \text{C}^8\text{H}$ ), 127.4 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 127.1 ( $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}^7\text{H} + \text{C}^9\text{H}$ ), 122.4 ( $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ ), 120.1 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H}$ ), 111.6 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}$ ), 38.6 ( $\text{C}^{11}\text{H}_2$ ), 16.7 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}_3$ ), -2.78 ( $\text{C}^{12}\text{H}_3$ ,  $\text{C}^{13}\text{H}_3 + \text{C}^{14}\text{H}_3$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 1.41$  min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $m/z$  310.2.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{Si}$ : 310.1739, found: 310.1740.

**(3-(Butylamino)-2-(thiazol-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl)methanol 4f**



**4f**

The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using (6-aminopyridin-3-yl)methanol **1c** (124 mg, 1.00 mmol), thiazole-2-carbaldehyde **2e** (88  $\mu$ L, 1.00 mmol) and 1-isocyanobutane **3f** (209  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 78% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by reverse phase flash column chromatography using a 60 g Biotage SNAP KPC18-HS cartridge, with an elution gradient from 5 % acetonitrile and 95 % 10 mM aqueous ammonium bicarbonate solution (adjusted to pH10 with 0.88 M aqueous ammonia) to 50 % acetonitrile. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford (3-(butylamino)-2-(thiazol-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl)methanol **4f** (154 mg, 0.509 mmol, 51 % yield) as a viscous yellow oil.

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3159, 2845, 2371, 1575, 1268, 1059, 787.

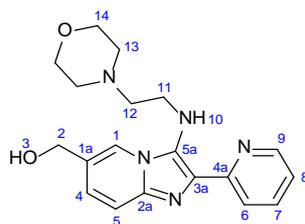
**$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta$  7.92-7.89 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}^1$ ), 7.83 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^6$ ), 7.41 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^5$ ), 7.28 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^7$ ), 7.06 (dd,  $J = 9.3$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.5$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^4$ ), 5.34 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{NH}^8$ ), 4.66 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^2$ ), 3.10 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^9$ ), 2.91 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{OH}^3$ ), 1.62-1.54 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^{10}$ ), 1.42 (sxt,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^{11}$ ), 0.90 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3^{12}$ ).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta$  163.9 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 143.2 ( $\text{C}^6\text{H}$ ), 140.4 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 131.1 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 126.2 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ ), 126.0 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 124.8 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H}$ ), 120.4 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 117.6 ( $\text{C}^7\text{H}$ ), 117.3 ( $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ ), 62.5 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}_2$ ), 47.0 ( $\text{C}^9\text{H}_2$ ), 32.6 ( $\text{C}^{10}\text{H}_2$ ), 20.1 ( $\text{C}^{11}\text{H}_2$ ), 13.8 ( $\text{C}^{12}\text{H}_3$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 0.96$  min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ m/z$  303.2.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4\text{OS}$ : 303.1280, found: 303.1279.

**(3-((2-Morpholinoethyl)amino)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl)methanol 4g**



**4g**

The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using (6-aminopyridin-3-yl)methanol **1c** (124 mg, 1.00 mmol), picolinaldehyde **2f** (190  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) and 4-(2-isocyanoethyl)morpholine (276  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) **3g** as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 92% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using an 80 g Biotage RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 5 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to 30 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford (3-((2-morpholinoethyl)amino)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl)methanol **4g** (309 mg, 0.874 mmol, 87 % yield) as a beige powder.

**mp:** 143-144 °C

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3164, 2803, 1896, 1113, 1018, 793.

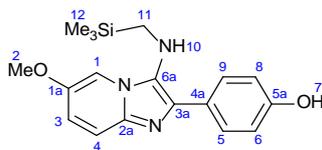
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta$  8.55-8.52 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}^9$ ), 8.14 (br. d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^1$ ), 7.97-7.93 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}^6$ ), 7.74 (td,  $J = 7.8$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.7$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^7$ ), 7.41 (br. d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^5$ ), 7.14 (ddd,  $J = 7.95$ , 4.8,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^8$ ), 7.02 (dd,  $J = 9.4$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^4$ ), 6.43 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{NH}^{10}$ ), 4.64 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^2$ ), 3.69 (br. t,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2^{14}$ ), 3.15 (t,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^{11}$ ), 2.57 (t,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^{12}$ ), 2.45 (br. t,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2^{13}$ ), 2.45 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{OH}^3$ ).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta$  154.9 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 148.5 ( $\text{C}^9\text{H}$ ), 140.4 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 136.7 ( $\text{C}^7\text{H}$ ), 132.2 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 130.0 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 125.4 ( $\text{C}^8\text{H}$ ), 123.9 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 121.2 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ ), 120.3 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H} + \text{C}^6\text{H}$ ), 117.6 ( $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ ), 67.0 ( $\text{C}^{14}\text{H}_2$ ), 62.7 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}_2$ ), 58.4 ( $\text{C}^{12}\text{H}_2$ ), 53.6 ( $\text{C}^{13}\text{H}_2$ ), 43.6 ( $\text{C}^{11}\text{H}_2$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 0.73$  min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $m/z$  354.3.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2$ : 354.1930, found: 354.1941.

#### 4-(6-Methoxy-3-(((trimethylsilyl)methyl)amino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)phenol **4h**



**4h**

The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using 5-methoxy-2-aminopyridine **1d** (124 mg, 1.00 mmol), 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde **2g** (244 mg, 2.00 mmol) and (isocyanomethyl)trimethylsilane **3e** (282  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 92% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using a 40 g Biotage RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 10 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to 40 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford 4-(6-methoxy-3-(((trimethylsilyl)methyl)amino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)phenol **4h** (261 mg, 0.764 mmol, 76 % yield) as a red-orange powder.

**mp:** 196-197 °C (dec.)

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 1609, 1505, 1242, 837, 526.

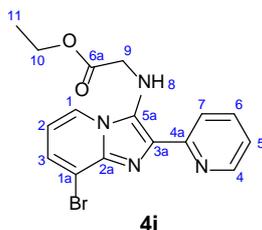
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):**  $\delta$  9.41 (br. s, 1H, OH<sup>7</sup>), 7.93-7.88 (m, 2H, CH<sup>5</sup> + CH<sup>9</sup>), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>1</sup>), 7.36 (dd,  $J$  = 9.4,  $^5J_{\text{HH}}$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>4</sup>), 6.93 (dd,  $J$  = 9.4,  $^4J_{\text{HH}}$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 6.83-6.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sup>6</sup> + CH<sup>8</sup>), 4.27 (t,  $J$  = 5.9, 1H, CH<sup>10</sup>), 3.82 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>2</sup>), 2.44 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>11</sup>), 0.08 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>12</sup>).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):**  $\delta$  156.3 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 147.9 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 137.1 (C<sup>2a</sup>), 134.9 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 128.6 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 127.6 (C<sup>5H</sup> + C<sup>9H</sup>), 125.9 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 117.7 (C<sup>3H</sup>), 116.9 (C<sup>4H</sup>), 115.0 (C<sup>6H</sup> + C<sup>8H</sup>), 104.4 (C<sup>1H</sup>), 55.9 (C<sup>2H</sup><sub>3</sub>), 37.3 (C<sup>11H</sup><sub>2</sub>), -2.55 (C<sup>12H</sup><sub>3</sub>).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t$  = 1.14 min, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>  $m/z$  342.2.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: 342.1638, found: 342.1638.

## Ethyl 2-((8-bromo-2-(pyridin-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl)amino)acetate **4i**



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using 3-bromo-2-aminopyridine **1e** (174 mg, 1.00 mmol), picolinaldehyde **2f** (190  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) and ethyl 2-isocyanoacetate **3h** (219  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 44% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using a 40 g Biotage RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of cyclohexane to 40 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford ethyl 2-((8-bromo-2-(pyridin-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl)amino)acetate **4i** (159 mg, 0.424 mmol, 42 % yield) as an orange oil.

Analytically pure sample prepared *via* MDAP isolation (High pH), Method C, 20 min run. This afforded the desired product as a pale yellow solid.

**mp:** 90-91  $^{\circ}$ C

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 1609, 1505, 1242, 837, 526.

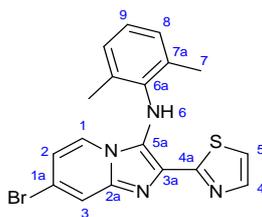
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$ ):**  $\delta$  8.60-8.56 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}^4$ ), 8.30 (app. dt,  $J = 8.0$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.2$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^7$ ), 8.09 (dd,  $J = 6.9$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^1$ ), 7.76 (td,  $J = 7.4$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^6$ ), 7.39 (dd,  $J = 6.9$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^3$ ), 7.17 (ddd,  $J = 7.4$ , 4.9,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.2$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^5$ ), 6.67 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^2$ ), 6.55 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{NH}^8$ ), 4.16 (q,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^{10}$ ), 3.88 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^9$ ), 1.20 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3^{11}$ ).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$ ):**  $\delta$  170.7 ( $\text{C}^{6a}$ ), 154.2 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 148.7 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ ), 138.5 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 136.6 ( $\text{C}^6\text{H}$ ), 131.8 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 131.7 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 126.0 ( $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ ), 122.1 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H}$ ), 121.7 ( $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ ), 121.1 ( $\text{C}^7\text{H}$ ), 112.2 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 112.0 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}$ ), 61.2 ( $\text{C}^{10}\text{H}_2$ ), 48.7 ( $\text{C}^9\text{H}_2$ ), 14.1 ( $\text{C}^{11}\text{H}_3$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 1.10$  min, [M]  $m/z$  374.9.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}^{79}\text{BrN}_4\text{O}_2$ : 375.0457, found: 375.0449.  
 $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}^{81}\text{BrN}_4\text{O}_2$ : 377.0436, found: 377.0427.

### 7-Bromo-*N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-2-(thiazol-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4j**



**4j**

The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using 4-bromo-2-aminopyridine **1f** (173 mg, 1.00 mmol), thiazole-2-carbaldehyde **2e** (0.176  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) and 2,6-dimethylphenylisocyanide **3b** (262 mg, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 65% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was then passed through an Isolute<sup>®</sup> 5 g aminopropyl frit, washing with 20 mL methanol, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography using a 40 g Biotage RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of cyclohexane to 40 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford 7-Bromo-*N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-2-(thiazol-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4j** (185 mg, 0.463 mmol, 46 % yield) as a beige powder.

**mp:** 208-209 °C (dec.)

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3273, 2917, 1616, 1570, 1524, 1472.

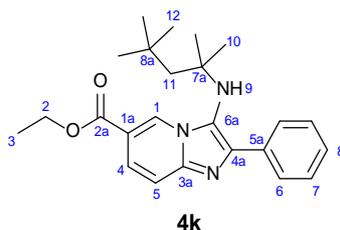
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  7.93 (br. s, 1H, NH<sup>6</sup>), 7.82 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>4</sup>), 7.66 (br. d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>5</sup>), 7.11 - 7.08 (m, 3H, CH<sup>8</sup>, CH<sup>9</sup>), 6.86 (dd,  $^4J_{\text{HH}}$  = 7.6,  $^5J_{\text{HH}}$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>1</sup>), 6.50 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6,  $^4J_{\text{HH}}$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>2</sup>), 2.14 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>7</sup>).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  164.3 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 143.0 (C<sup>4H</sup>), 139.6 (C<sup>2a</sup>), 136.7 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.3 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 129.6 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 129.0 (C<sup>8H</sup>), 126.3 (C<sup>9H</sup>), 122.5 (C<sup>1H</sup> + C<sup>6a</sup>), 120.1 (C<sup>3H</sup>), 116.9 (C<sup>5H</sup>), 116.2 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 116.0 (C<sup>2H</sup>), 18.7 (C<sup>7H3</sup>).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t$  = 1.42 min, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>  $m/z$  401.0.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub><sup>79</sup>BrN<sub>4</sub>S: 399.0279, found: 399.0262.  
 $m/z$  calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub><sup>81</sup>BrN<sub>4</sub>S: 401.0259, found: 401.0341.

## Ethyl 2-phenyl-3-((2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)amino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylate **4k**



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using ethyl-6-aminonicotinate **1g** (166 mg, 1.00 mmol), benzaldehyde **2a** (203  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) and 1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutylisocyanide **3d** (351  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 67% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using a 40 g Biotage RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 5 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to 30 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford ethyl 2-phenyl-3-((2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)amino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylate **4k** (247 mg, 0.628 mmol, 63 % yield) as a yellow flaky solid.

**mp:** 118-119 °C (dec.)

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3327, 2958, 1715, 1291, 1102, 695.

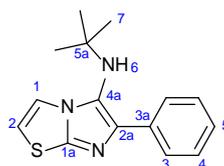
**$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta$  9.05-9.03 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}^1$ ), 7.87-7.83 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}^6$ ), 7.69 (dd,  $J = 9.3$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.5$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^4$ ), 7.52 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^5$ ), 7.45 (t,  $J = 7.5$ , 2H,  $\text{CH}^7$ ), 7.35 (br. t,  $J = 7.5$ , 1H,  $\text{CH}^8$ ), 4.43 (q,  $J = 7.2$ , 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^2$ ), 3.28 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{NH}^9$ ), 1.60 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^{11}$ ), 1.43 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3^3$ ), 1.06 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_3^{12}$ ), 0.96 (s, 6H,  $\text{CH}_3^{10}$ ).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta$  165.3 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 142.5 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 141.5 ( $\text{C}^{6a}$ ), 134.9 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 128.4 ( $\text{C}^6\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}^7\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}^9\text{H} + \text{C}^{10}\text{H}$ ), 128.0 ( $\text{C}^8\text{H}$ ), 127.8 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H}$ ), 124.4 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 123.6 ( $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ ), 116.6 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ ), 115.7 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 61.3 ( $\text{C}^7\text{a}$ ), 60.8 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}_2$ ), 57.0 ( $\text{C}^{14}\text{H}_2$ ), 31.9 ( $\text{C}^{15}\text{H}_3$ ,  $\text{C}^{16}\text{H}_3 + \text{C}^{17}\text{H}_3$ ), 31.8 ( $\text{C}^{8a}$ ), 29.1 ( $\text{C}^{12}\text{H}_3 + \text{C}^{13}\text{H}_3$ ), 14.4 ( $\text{C}^3\text{H}_3$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 1.53$  min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ m/z$  394.4.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ : 394.2495, found: 394.2492.

### ***N*-(*tert*-Butyl)-6-phenylimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazol-5-amine **4I****



**4I**

The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using 2-aminothiazole **1h** (100 mg, 1.00 mmol), benzaldehyde **2a** (203  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) and *N-tert*-butylisocyanide **3a** (226  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 51% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using an 80 g Biotage RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of cyclohexane to 10 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford *N*-(*tert*-butyl)-6-phenylimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazol-5-amine **4I** (122 mg, 0.450 mmol, 45 % yield) as a white powder.

**mp:** 159-160 °C.

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3329, 2963, 1441, 1359, 1179, 645.

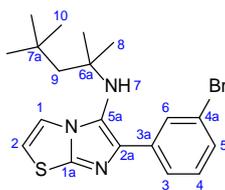
**$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$ ):**  $\delta$  7.90-7.86 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}^3$ ), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}^4$ ), 7.37-7.35 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}^1$ ), 7.25 (tt,  $J = 7.4$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.3$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^5$ ), 6.72 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^2$ ), 3.05 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{NH}^6$ ), 1.07 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_3^7$ ).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$ ):**  $\delta$  145.5 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 140.2 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 135.3 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 128.2 ( $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ ), 127.2 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ ), 126.7 ( $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ ), 125.5 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 117.8 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H}$ ), 111.4 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}$ ), 55.8 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 30.2 ( $\text{C}^7\text{H}_3$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 1.16$  min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $m/z$  272.1.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{S}$ : 272.1221, found: 272.1221.

## 6-(3-Bromophenyl)-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazol-5-amine **4m**



**4m**

The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using 2-aminothiazole **1h** (100 mg, 1.00 mmol), 3-bromobenzaldehyde **2c** (233  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) and 1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutylisocyanide **3d** (351  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 87% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using an 80 g Biotage RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of cyclohexane to 20 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford 6-(3-bromophenyl)-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazol-5-amine **4m** (279 mg, 0.687 mmol, 69 % yield) as a colourless oil.

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3273, 2951, 1595, 1476, 1365, 693.

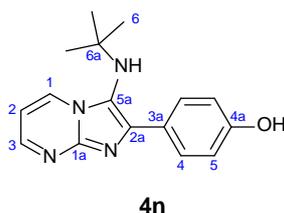
**$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$ ):**  $\delta$  8.12 (t,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^3$ ), 7.82 (dt,  $J = 7.9$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.5$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ ), 7.39-7.36 (m, 2H,  $\text{C}^1\text{H} + \text{C}^6\text{H}$ ), 7.24 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ ), 6.75 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{C}^2\text{H}$ ), 3.03 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{NH}^7$ ), 1.57 (s, 2H,  $\text{C}^9\text{H}_2$ ), 1.05 (s, 9H,  $\text{C}^{10}\text{H}_3$ ), 1.04 (s, 6H,  $\text{C}^8\text{H}_3$ ).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$ ):**  $\delta$  145.8 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 139.0 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 137.5 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 130.3 ( $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ ), 129.7 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ ), 129.6 ( $\text{C}^6\text{H}$ ), 125.8 ( $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ ), 125.6 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 122.3 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 117.8 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H}$ ), 111.8 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}$ ), 60.1 ( $\text{C}^9\text{H}_2$ ), 57.0 ( $\text{C}^{6a}$ ), 31.9 ( $\text{C}^8\text{H}_3$ ), 31.8 ( $\text{C}^{7a}$ ), 29.2 ( $\text{C}^{10}\text{H}_3$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 1.55$  min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $m/z$  406.2.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}^{79}\text{BrN}_3\text{S}$ : 406.0953, found: 406.0947.  
 $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}^{81}\text{BrN}_3\text{S}$ : 408.0932, found: 408.0930.

#### 4-(3-(*tert*-Butylamino)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidin-2-yl)phenol **4n**



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using 2-aminopyrimidine **1i** (95 mg, 1.00 mmol), 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde **2g** (244 mg, 2.00 mmol) and *N-tert*-butylisocyanide **3a** (226  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 32% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using a 55 g aminopropyl RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of cyclohexane to neat ethyl acetate. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford 4-(3-(*tert*-butylamino)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidin-2-yl)phenol **4n** (93 mg, 0.329 mmol, 33 % yield) as a yellow-orange powder.

The product was formed as a mixture of 2 regioisomers: approximately 92% of **4n** along with ca. 8 % **4n'** by  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^1\text{D}$  NOESY NMR spectroscopic analysis (see below).

#### Product **4n**:

**mp**: 185-186  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (dec.)

**IR**  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3116, 2966, 1611, 1506, 1365, 848, 759.

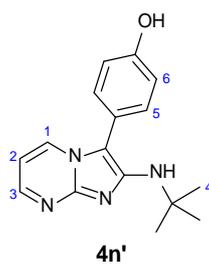
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )**:  $\delta$  8.76 (dd,  $J = 6.8$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^1$ ), 8.45 (dd,  $J = 4.3$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^3$ ), 7.88-7.83 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}^4$ ), 7.00 (dd,  $J = 6.8$ , 4.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^2$ ), 6.89-6.85 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}^5$ ), 1.03 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_3^6$ ).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )**:  $\delta$  158.7 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 150.8 ( $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ ), 146.1 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 142.0 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 133.3 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H}$ ), 131.1 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ ), 126.8 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 123.4 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 116.1 ( $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ ), 109.4 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}$ ), 57.0 ( $\text{C}^{6a}$ ), 30.6 ( $\text{C}^6\text{H}_3$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI)**:  $R_t = 0.83$  min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $m/z$  283.2.

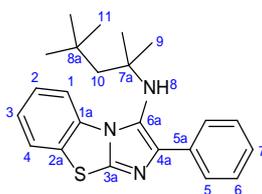
**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid)**:  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4\text{O}$ : 283.1545, found: 283.1555.

### Regioisomer 4n'



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):**  $\delta$  8.39 (dd,  $J = 6.6$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.0$  Hz, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 8.20 (dd,  $J = 4.5$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.0$  Hz, 1H, CH<sup>1</sup>), 7.34-7.29 (m, 2H, CH<sup>5</sup>), 6.99-6.97 (m, 2H, CH<sup>6</sup>), 6.82-6.79 (m, 1H, CH<sup>2</sup>), 1.42 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>4</sup>).

## 2-Phenyl-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)benzo[d]imidazo[2,1-b]thiazol-3-amine **4o**



**4o**

The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using 2-aminobenzothiazole **1j** (150 mg, 1.00 mmol), benzaldehyde **2a** (203  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) and 1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutylisocyanide **3d** (351  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 39% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using an 80 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 10 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to 25% ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford 2-phenyl-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)benzo[d]imidazo[2,1-b]thiazol-3-amine **4o** (149 mg, 0.395 mmol, 40 % yield) as a white crystalline solid.

**mp:** 132-133 °C.

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3272, 2950, 1487, 1191, 753, 697.

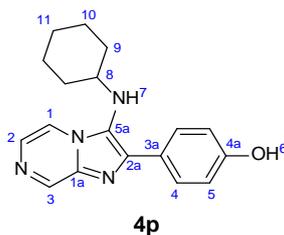
**$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):**  $\delta$  8.40 (br. dd,  $J = 8.0$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 0.8$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^4$ ), 7.97 (dd,  $J = 8.0$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^1$ ), 7.95-7.92 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}^5$ ), 7.54 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.3$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.3$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^3$ ), 7.41-7.36 (m, 3H,  $\text{CH}^2, \text{CH}^6$ ), 7.26 (tt,  $J = 7.3$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.8$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^7$ ), 4.60 (s, 1H,  $\text{NH}^8$ ), 1.57 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^{10}$ ), 0.95 (s, 6H,  $\text{CH}_3^9$ ), 0.89 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_3^{11}$ ).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):**  $\delta$  142.6 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 140.6 ( $\text{C}^{6a}$ ), 135.3 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 133.1 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 129.1 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 128.2 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 127.8 ( $\text{C}^6\text{H}$ ), 127.7 ( $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ ), 126.6 ( $\text{C}^7\text{H}$ ), 125.7 ( $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ ), 124.6 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H}$ ), 124.4 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}$ ), 114.5 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ ), 59.8 ( $\text{C}^{7a}$ ), 56.0 ( $\text{C}^{10}\text{H}_2$ ), 31.5 ( $\text{C}^{11}\text{H}_3$ ), 30.9 ( $\text{C}^{8a}$ ), 28.0 ( $\text{C}^9\text{H}_3$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 1.61$  min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ m/z$  378.3.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_3\text{S}$ : 378.2004, found: 378.2003.

#### 4-(3-(Cyclohexylamino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2-yl)phenol **4p**



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using aminopyrazine **1k** (95 mg, 1.00 mmol), 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde **2g** (244 mg, 2.00 mmol) and cyclohexylisocyanide **3i** (249  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 60% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was passed through a 5 g aminopropyl frit, washing with 20 mL methanol, and dried *in vacuo*. The crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography using a 40 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 20 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to 90 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford 4-(3-(cyclohexylamino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2-yl)phenol **4p** (166 mg, 0.539 mmol, 54 % yield) as a pale yellow powder.

**mp:** 284-285 °C (dec.)

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3298, 2921, 1611, 1495, 1283, 832, 796.

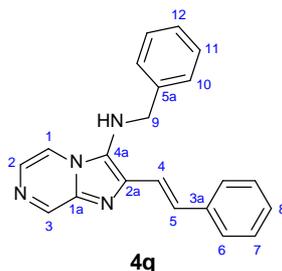
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):**  $\delta$  9.59 (br. s, 1H, OH<sup>6</sup>), 8.84 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 8.31 (dd,  $J$  = 4.9,  $^4J_{\text{HH}}$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>2</sup>), 8.06-8.02 (m, 2H, CH<sup>4</sup>), 7.81 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>1</sup>), 6.87-6.82 (m, 2H, CH<sup>5</sup>), 4.89 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 1H, NH<sup>9</sup>), 2.91-2.80 (m, 1H, CH<sup>8</sup>), 1.73-1.60 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>9ax</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>10ax</sup>), 1.53-1.47 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup>), 1.33-1.21 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>9eq</sup>), 1.16-1.02 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>10eq</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup>).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):**  $\delta$  157.2 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 141.8 (C<sup>3H</sup>), 137.3 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 135.7 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 128.3 (C<sup>1H</sup>), 128.1 (C<sup>4H</sup>), 126.1 (C<sup>2a</sup>), 124.7 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 116.1 (C<sup>2H</sup>), 115.2 (C<sup>5H</sup>), 56.2 (C<sup>8H</sup>), 33.6 (C<sup>9</sup>), 25.3 (C<sup>11H</sup><sub>2</sub>), 24.5 (C<sup>10</sup>).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t$  = 0.96 min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $m/z$  309.3.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: 309.1710, found: 309.1697.

**(E)-N-Benzyl-2-styrylimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-amine 4q**



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure C**, using aminopyrazine **1k** (95 mg, 1.00 mmol), cinnamaldehyde **2g** (252  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) and *N*-benzylisocyanide **3j** (244  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 56% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using an 80 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 20 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to 80 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford (*E*)-*N*-benzyl-2-styrylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-3-amine **4q** (149 mg, 0.457 mmol, 46 % yield) as a yellow powder.

An analytically pure sample was prepared *via* MDAP isolation (High pH), Method B, 20 min run.

**mp:** 148-149 °C.

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3312, 1526, 1350, 966, 784, 748, 685.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$ ):**  $\delta$  8.94 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^3$ ), 7.79 (dd,  $J$  = 4.4,  $^4J_{\text{HH}}$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^2$ ), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 4.9, 1H,  $\text{CH}^1$ ), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 16.2 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^4$ ), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}^6$ ), 7.38-7.33 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}^7$ ,  $\text{CH}^{11}$ ), 7.32-7.27 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}^8$ ,  $\text{CH}^{10}$ ,  $\text{CH}^{12}$ ), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 16.2 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^5$ ), 4.26 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^9$ ).

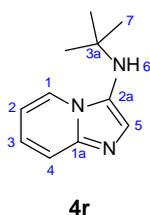
**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$ ):**  $\delta$  143.1 ( $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ ), 138.9 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 138.2 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 137.4 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 137.1 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 132.0 ( $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ ), 129.1 ( $\text{C}^7\text{H}$ ), 129.0 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}$ ), 128.8 ( $\text{C}^6\text{H}$ ), 128.4 ( $\text{C}^{11}$ ), 128.2 ( $\text{C}^8\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}^{12}\text{H}$ ), 128.0 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ ), 126.9 ( $\text{C}^{10}\text{H}$ ), 117.3 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H}$ ), 115.2 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 53.3 ( $\text{C}^9\text{H}_2$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t$  = 1.13 min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $m/z$  327.1.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4$ : 327.1604, found: 327.1588.

The spectroscopic data is in accordance with that reported in the literature.<sup>3</sup>

### ***N*-(*tert*-Butyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4r****



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure D**, using 2-aminopyridine **1a** (94 mg, 1.00 mmol), formaldehyde **2h** (37 % wt. solution in H<sub>2</sub>O, 83 μL, 1.12 mmol) and *N*-*tert*-butylisocyanide **3a** (226 μL, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10 μL aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 94% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using a 40 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of ethyl acetate to 20 % ethanol in ethyl acetate. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford *N*-(*tert*-butyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4r** (155 mg, 0.819 mmol, 82 % yield) as an off-white powder.

**mp:** 119-120 °C (lit.<sup>4</sup> 118-120 °C)

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3230, 2969, 1630, 1548, 1503, 1336, 1229, 758.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.22 (br. d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>1</sup>), 7.52 (br. dd, *J* = 7.5, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>4</sup>), 7.32 (s, 1H, CH<sup>5</sup>), 7.14-7.09 (m, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 6.77 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>2</sup>), 2.59 (br. s, 1H, NH<sup>6</sup>), 1.20 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>7</sup>).

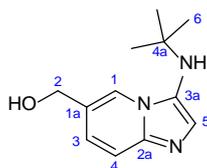
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 142.7 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 128.7 (C<sup>3H</sup>), 127.1 (C<sup>2a</sup>), 123.6 (C<sup>1H</sup>), 123.0 (C<sup>5H</sup>), 117.5 (C<sup>4H</sup>), 111.4 (C<sup>2H</sup>), 53.9 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 29.7 (C<sup>7H3</sup>).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):** *R*<sub>t</sub> = 0.87 min, [M+H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 190.1.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):** *m/z* calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: 190.1344, found: 190.1347.

The spectroscopic data is in accordance with that reported in the literature.

**(3-(*tert*-Butylamino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl)methanol 4s**



**4s**

The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure D**, using (6-aminopyridin-3-yl)methanol **1c** (124 mg, 1.00 mmol), formaldehyde **2h** (37 % wt. solution in H<sub>2</sub>O, 83  $\mu$ L, 1.12 mmol) and *N*-*tert*-butylisocyanide **3a** (226  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 94% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using a 40 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of ethyl acetate to 10 % ethanol in ethyl acetate. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford (3-(*tert*-butylamino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl)methanol **4s** (192 mg, 0.876 mmol, 88 % yield) as a white crystalline solid.

**mp:** 111-112 °C.

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3314, 3149, 2968, 2844, 1213, 1049, 822.

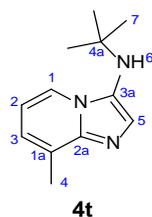
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):**  $\delta$  8.34-8.31 (m, 1H, CH<sup>1</sup>), 7.41 (dd,  $J$  = 9.1, <sup>5</sup> $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>4</sup>), 7.23 (dd,  $J$  = 9.1, <sup>4</sup> $J_{\text{HH}}$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 7.20 (s, 1H, CH<sup>5</sup>), 4.64 (d,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup>), 1.20 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>6</sup>).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):**  $\delta$  143.1 (C<sup>2a</sup>), 129.9 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 127.7 (C<sup>5</sup>H), 127.3 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 126.1 (C<sup>3</sup>H), 122.1 (C<sup>1</sup>H), 117.1 (C<sup>4</sup>H), 62.7 (C<sup>2</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 54.4 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 29.8 (C<sup>6</sup>H<sub>3</sub>).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t$  = 0.68 min, [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 220.2 m/z.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):** m/z calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O: 220.1450, found: 220.1454.

### ***N*-(*tert*-Butyl)-8-methylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4t****



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure D**, using 3-methyl-2-aminopyridine **1b** (108 mg, 1.00 mmol), formaldehyde **2h** (37 % wt. solution in H<sub>2</sub>O, 83 μL, 1.12 mmol) and *N*-*tert*-butylisocyanide **3a** (226 μL, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10 μL aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 94% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the desired product was purified by flash column chromatography using a 40 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 50 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to neat ethyl acetate. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford *N*-(*tert*-butyl)-8-methylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4t** (177 mg, 0.871 mmol, 87 % yield) as a white crystalline solid.

An analytically pure sample was prepared *via* MDAP isolation (High pH), Method B, 30 min run.

**mp:** 90-91 °C.

**IR**  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3217, 2972, 1542, 1354, 750.

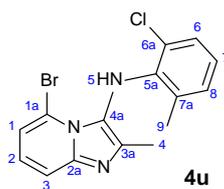
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.09 (br. d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>1</sup>), 7.31 (s, 1H, CH<sup>5</sup>), 6.94-6.91 (m, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 6.70 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>2</sup>), 2.77 (br. s, 1H, NH<sup>6</sup>), 2.59 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>4</sup>), 1.19 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>7</sup>).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 142.9 (C<sup>2a</sup>), 127.9 (C<sup>3H</sup>), 127.5 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 127.0 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 122.6 (C<sup>1H</sup>), 121.0 (C<sup>5H</sup>), 111.6 (C<sup>2H</sup>), 53.8 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 29.7 (C<sup>7H</sup><sub>3</sub>), 16.5 (C<sup>4H</sup><sub>3</sub>).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):** R<sub>t</sub> = 0.93 min, [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 204.2 m/z.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):** m/z calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: 204.1501, found: 204.1501.

### 5-Bromo-*N*-(2-chloro-6-methylphenyl)-2-methylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4u**



A stock solution of 6-bromo-2-aminopyridine **1i** (346 mg, 2.00 mmol), and acetaldehyde **2i** (336  $\mu$ L, 6.00 mmol) was prepared in ethanol (10 mL total solution volume). Then, a solution of 2-chloro-6-methylphenylisocyanide **3c** (606 mg, 4 mmol) and HCl (160  $\mu$ L, 1.25 M solution in ethanol, 0.200 mmol) was prepared in ethanol (10 mL total solution volume). The flow reactor was heated to 130  $^{\circ}$ C whilst pumping clean ethanol through the system at a flow rate of 0.100 mL/min/line. Once at temperature, each of the two input lines was placed into one of the two stock solutions, and the reagents were pumped at 0.100 mL/min/line for 50 min (5 mL removed from each solution). The input lines were changed back to the solvent reservoir and pumped to waste for 25 min to account for the dead volume in the reactor. The desired product solution was then collected for 61.75 min (12.4 mL collected), after which time the flow reactor was cooled and turned off. Following the reaction, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the crude product solution was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 96% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The crude reaction solution was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the desired product was purified by flash column chromatography using an 80 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 15 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to 30 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford 5-bromo-*N*-(2-chloro-6-methyl phenyl)-2-methylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4u** (227 mg, 0.647 mmol, 65 % yield) as a brown powder.

**mp:** 158-159  $^{\circ}$ C.

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3359, 3239, 1591, 1466, 1305, 1119, 756.

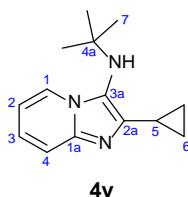
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta$  7.50 (dd,  $J = 7.8$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.5$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^3$ ), 7.24 (dd,  $J = 7.8$ , 1.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^2$ ), 7.03-6.97 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}^1 + \text{CH}^6$ ), 6.94 (br. d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^8$ ), 6.76 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^7$ ), 5.88 (br. s, 1H,  $\text{NH}^5$ ), 2.10 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3^9$ ), 1.66 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3^4$ ).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta$  143.7 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 140.3 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 139.8 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 131.0 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}$ ), 127.6 ( $\text{C}^8\text{H}$ ), 126.8 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 124.4 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H}$ ), 122.6 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 122.5 ( $\text{C}^{7a}$ ), 120.8 ( $\text{C}^6\text{H}$ ), 118.6 ( $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ ), 116.4 ( $\text{C}^7\text{H}$ ), 112.2 ( $\text{C}^{6a}$ ), 18.7 ( $\text{C}^9\text{H}_3$ ), 12.8 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}_3$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 1.23$  min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ 350.1$  m/z.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):** m/z calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}^{79}\text{Br}^{35}\text{ClN}_3$ : 350.0060, found: 350.0061. m/z calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}^{79}\text{Br}^{37}\text{ClN}_3$ : 352.0030; m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}^{81}\text{Br}^{35}\text{ClN}_3$ : 352.0039; found: 352.0041. m/z calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}^{81}\text{Br}^{37}\text{ClN}_3$ : 354.0010, found: 354.0014.

### ***N*-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-cyclopropylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4v****



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure D**, using 2-aminopyridine **1a** (124 mg, 1.00 mmol), cyclopropanecarbaldehyde **2j** (149  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) and *N*-*tert*-butylisocyanide **3a** (226  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that >99% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford *N*-(*tert*-butyl)-2-cyclopropylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4v** (206 mg, 0.898 mmol, 90 % yield) as a white crystalline solid.

**mp:** 56-57 °C.

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3253, 2966, 1329, 1205, 754.

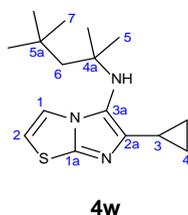
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):**  $\delta$  8.32-8.28 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}^1$ ), 7.34-7.29 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}^4$ ), 7.19 (ddd,  $J = 9.1, 6.6, ^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^3$ ), 6.85 (td,  $J = 6.6, ^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.5$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^2$ ), 2.20-2.12 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}^5$ ), 1.22 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_3^7$ ), 1.00-0.94 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2^6$ ).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):**  $\delta$  142.6 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 142.2 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 125.8 ( $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ ), 124.6 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H}$ ), 120.8 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 116.0 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}$ ), 112.6 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}$ ), 56.5 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 30.6 ( $\text{C}^7\text{H}_3$ ), 9.63 ( $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ ), 8.73 ( $\text{C}^6\text{H}_2$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 1.04$  min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ 230.2$  m/z.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):** m/z calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3$ : 230.1657, found: 230.1662.

### **6-Cyclopropyl-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazol-5-amine **4w****



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure D**, using 2-aminothiazole **1h** (100 mg, 1.00 mmol), cyclopropanecarbaldehyde **2j** (149  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) and 1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutylisocyanide **3d** (351  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see

Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that >99% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, before the desired product was purified by flash column chromatography using a 40 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 10 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to 30 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford 6-cyclopropyl-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazol-5-amine **4w** (246 mg, 0.844 mmol, 84 % yield) as a clear, brown oil.

**IR**  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2951, 1683, 1464, 1365, 653.

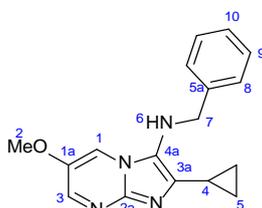
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):**  $\delta$  7.52 (br. d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^1$ ), 6.94 (br. d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^2$ ), 2.02-1.90 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}^3$ ), 1.67 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2^6$ ), 1.21 (s, 6H,  $\text{CH}_3^5$ ), 1.08 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_3^7$ ), 0.88 - 0.78 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2^4$ ).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):**  $\delta$  146.0 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 143.2 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 127.3 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 119.7 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H}$ ), 112.0 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}$ ), 60.1 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 57.2 ( $\text{C}^6\text{H}_2$ ), 32.5 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 32.4 ( $\text{C}^7\text{H}_3$ ), 29.6 ( $\text{C}^5\text{H}_3$ ), 9.91 ( $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ ), 7.93 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}_2$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 1.35$  min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  292.3 m/z.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):** m/z calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{S}$ : 292.1847, found: 292.1846.

#### ***N*-Benzyl-2-cyclopropyl-6-methoxyimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidin-3-amine **4x****



**4x**

The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure D**, using 5-methoxy-2-aminopyrimidine **1m** (125 mg, 1.00 mmol), cyclopropanecarbaldehyde **2j** (149  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.00 mmol) and *N*-benzylisocyanide **3j** (244  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu\text{L}$  aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 75% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using an 80 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 30 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to 60 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford *N*-benzyl-2-cyclopropyl-6-methoxyimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidin-3-amine **4x** (176 mg, 0.598 mmol, 60 % yield) as a yellow-orange powder.

mp: 136-137 °C.

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3268, 3004, 2922, 1569, 1466, 1209, 698.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.11 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 7.88 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>1</sup>), 7.30 (br. d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, CH<sup>8</sup>), 7.27 (br. t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sup>9</sup>), 7.22 (br. t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>10</sup>), 5.26 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H, NH<sup>6</sup>), 4.16 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H, C<sup>7</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 3.74 (s, 3H, C<sup>2</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 2.03-1.98 (m, 1H, C<sup>4</sup>H), 0.84-0.80 (m, 4H, C<sup>5</sup>H<sub>2</sub>).

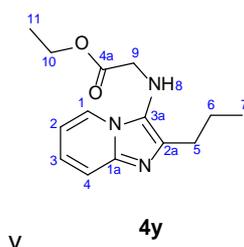
<sup>13</sup>C NMR: (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  144.3 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 140.6 (C<sup>3</sup>H), 140.5 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 140.4 (C<sup>2a</sup>), 140.3 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 128.3 (C<sup>8</sup>H), 128.1 (C<sup>9</sup>H), 126.9 (C<sup>10</sup>H), 125.5 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 111.2 (C<sup>1</sup>H), 56.3 (C<sup>2</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 51.9 (C<sup>7</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 8.00 (C<sup>5</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 7.91 (C<sup>4</sup>H).

LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI): *R*<sub>t</sub> = 0.95 min, [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 295.2 m/z.

HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid): *m/z* calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: 295.1559, found: 295.1559.

A single regioisomer was observed by <sup>15</sup>N HMBC spectroscopy.

#### Ethyl 2-((2-propylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)amino)acetate **4y**



#### Preparation under flow conditions

The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure D**, using 2-aminopyridine **1a** (94 mg, 1.00 mmol), butyraldehyde **2k** (180  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) and ethyl 2-isocyanoacetate **3h** (219  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 93% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, before the desired product was purified by flash column chromatography using an 80 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 20 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to 70 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford ethyl 2-((2-propylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)amino)acetate **4y** (215 mg, 0.823 mmol, 82 % yield) as a yellow oil.

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3217, 2959, 2929, 1738, 1181, 753, 737.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.11 (app. dt, *J* = 6.8, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>1</sup>), 7.45 (app. dt, *J* = 8.8, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>4</sup>), 7.08 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 6.9, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 6.75 (td, *J* = 6.9, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>2</sup>), 4.23 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>10</sup>), 3.76 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>9</sup>), 3.49 (br. t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H, NH<sup>8</sup>), 2.74 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>5</sup>), 1.82-1.74 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>6</sup>), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>11</sup>), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>7</sup>).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 171.9 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 141.5 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 139.4 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 124.9 (C<sup>2a</sup>), 123.2 (C<sup>1H</sup>), 122.4 (C<sup>3H</sup>), 117.0 (C<sup>4H</sup>), 111.3 (C<sup>2H</sup>), 61.3 (C<sup>10</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 50.3 (C<sup>9</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 29.2 (C<sup>5</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 22.9 (C<sup>6</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (C<sup>7</sup>H<sub>3</sub> + C<sup>11</sup>H<sub>3</sub>).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):** R<sub>t</sub> = 0.90 min, [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 262.3 m/z.

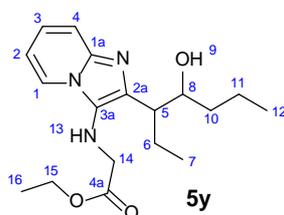
**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):** m/z calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 262.1556, found: 262.1555.

#### Preparation under batch conditions:

The reaction was performed in batch mode using conditions reported in the patent literature.<sup>5</sup> To a 5 mL microwave vial was added a solution of 2-aminopyridine **1a** (94 mg, 1.00 mmol), butyraldehyde **2k** (99 μL, 1.10 mmol), ethyl 2-isocyanoacetate **3h** (131 μL, 1.20 mmol) and scandium (III) trifluoromethanesulfonate (25 mg, 0.050 mmol) in a mixture of methanol (1 mL) and dichloromethane (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under ambient conditions for 144 h. During the course of the reaction, 10 μL aliquots were removed from the reaction mixture at 50 min, 24 h and 144 h time points, and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 28% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction after 50 min, 38 % consumption was observed after 24 h, and 68 % was observed after 144 h. The reaction mixture was dried *in vacuo*, and purified by MDAP (High pH, Method B, 20 min run). The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford ethyl 2-((2-propylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl)amino)acetate, **4y** (22 mg, 0.084 mmol, 8 % yield) as a pale yellow oil.

**5y** (4 mg, 1 % yield) was also isolated as a yellow-brown oil from the same purification. A mechanism for its formation is postulated below. The relative stereochemistry of the by-product was not determined.

#### Ethyl 2-((2-(4-hydroxyheptan-3-yl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl)amino)acetate **5y**



**IR v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3315, 2959, 2935, 2877, 1741, 1202.

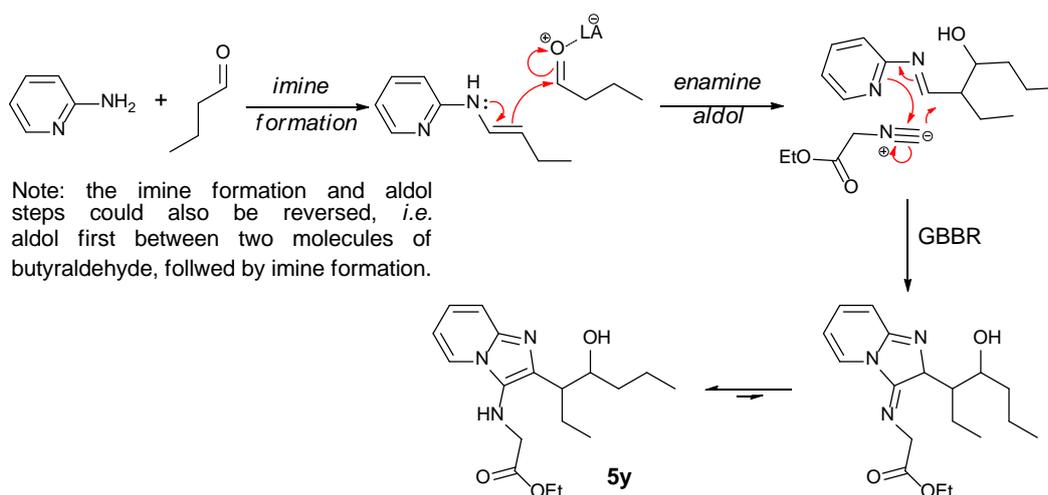
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.15 (app. dt,  $J = 6.8$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.1$  Hz, 1H, CH<sup>1</sup>), 7.45 (app. dt,  $J = 8.9$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.1$  Hz, 1H, CH<sup>4</sup>), 7.13 (ddd,  $J = 8.9, 6.8, ^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.1$  Hz, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 6.80 (td,  $J = 6.8, ^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.1$  Hz, 1H, CH<sup>2</sup>), 4.25 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>15</sup>), 3.93-3.83 (m, 1H, CH<sup>8</sup>), 3.76 (dd,  $J = 5.5, 3.7$  Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>14</sup>), 3.58 (t,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H, NH<sup>13</sup>), 2.84-2.80 (m, 1H, CH<sup>5</sup>), 1.96-1.87 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>6</sup>), 1.52-1.45 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup> (1H)), 1.39-1.33 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>11</sup> (1H)), 1.29 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>16</sup>), 1.25-1.14 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>10</sup>), 0.86 (app. t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>7</sup> + CH<sub>3</sub><sup>12</sup>).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR: (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 171.9 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 141.5 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 139.7 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 126.6 (C<sup>2a</sup>), 123.8 (C<sup>3H</sup>), 122.5 (C<sup>1H</sup>), 117.2 (C<sup>4H</sup>), 111.6 (C<sup>2H</sup>), 74.0 (C<sup>8H</sup>), 61.4 (C<sup>15</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 50.4 (C<sup>14</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 43.4 (C<sup>5H</sup>), 39.2 (C<sup>10</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 26.1 (C<sup>6</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 19.4 (C<sup>11</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 14.1 (C<sup>12</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 13.2 (C<sup>16</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 12.5 (C<sup>7</sup>H<sub>3</sub>).

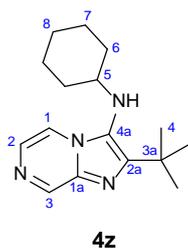
**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):** R<sub>t</sub> = 1.06 min, [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 334.2 m/z.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):** m/z calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 334.2131, found: 334.2129.

### Possible mechanism for formation of 5y:



## 2-(*tert*-Butyl)-*N*-cyclohexylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-3-amine **4z**



The reaction was performed according to **General Procedure D**, using aminopyrazine **1k** (95 mg, 1.00 mmol), pivaldehyde **2I** (217  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) and cyclohexylisocyanide **3i** (249  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) as the reaction components. Following the allotted reaction time, a 10  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 61 % of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the desired product was purified by flash column chromatography using an 80 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 20 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to 50 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to afford ethyl 2-((2-propylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)amino)acetate **4z** (139 mg, 0.510 mmol, 51 % yield) as an off-white flaky solid.

**mp:** 126-127 °C.

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3313, 3260, 2925, 2853, 1528, 1344, 801.

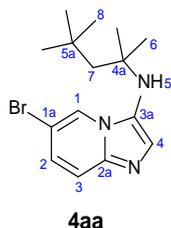
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):**  $\delta$  8.74 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^3$ ), 8.26 (dd,  $J = 4.5$ ,  $^5J_{\text{HH}} = 1.5$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^1$ ), 7.79 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^2$ ), 3.03 (tt,  $J = 10.5$ , 3.5 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}^5$ ), 1.82-1.72 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2^6$ ), 1.67-1.60 (m, 1H, 1  $\times$   $\text{CH}_2^8$ ), 1.49 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_3^4$ ), 1.38-1.21 (m, 5H, 1  $\times$   $\text{CH}_2^8$ ,  $\text{CH}_2^7$ ).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ):**  $\delta$  150.8 ( $\text{C}^{1a}$ ), 142.2 ( $\text{C}^3\text{H}$ ), 136.9 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 129.1 ( $\text{C}^2\text{H}$ ), 127.7 ( $\text{C}^{2a}$ ), 118.1 ( $\text{C}^1\text{H}$ ), 59.5 ( $\text{C}^5\text{H}$ ), 35.2 ( $\text{C}^7\text{H}_2$ ), 34.5 ( $\text{C}^6\text{H}_2$ ), 30.8 ( $\text{C}^4\text{H}_3$ ), 26.9 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 26.2 ( $\text{C}^8\text{H}_2$ ).

**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 1.20$  min,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  273.3 m/z.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):** m/z calculated for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_4$ : 273.2079, found: 273.2082.

## 6-Bromo-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4aa**



The scale-up synthesis of **4aa** was performed using the bespoke flow reactor setup outlined in Section 1.10. A stock solution of 5-bromo-2-aminopyridine **1n** (3.46 g, 20.0 mmol), and 1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutylisocyanide **3d** (7.01 mL, 40.0 mmol) was prepared in ethanol (100 mL total solution volume). Then, a solution of formaldehyde **2h** (1.67 mL, 37 % wt. solution in H<sub>2</sub>O, 22.4 mmol), and HCl (1.60 mL, 1.25 M solution in ethanol, 2.00 mmol) was prepared in ethanol (100 mL total solution volume). The bespoke flow reactor (with 2 × 10 mL loop reactors attached) was heated to 130 °C whilst pumping clean ethanol through the system at a flow rate of 0.2 mL/min/line. Once at temperature, each of the two input lines was placed into one of the two stock solutions, and the reagents were pumped at 0.2 mL/min/line. The reaction mixture was pumped to waste for 12.5 min to account for the dead volume (5 mL) in the reactor. The reaction solution was then collected for 400 min, before the input lines were changed to solvent, and the remainder of the reaction mixture was collected for 74.25 min to account for both dilution and dead volume in the reactor (189.7 mL collected in total), after which time the flow reactor was cooled and turned off. This equates to a total of 90% of the volume of the stock solution being used in the reactor. Therefore, assuming an equal distribution of the reactant materials within the solution, 18 mmol of the amidine reagent (1 eq.) was utilised during the reaction. Following completion of the reaction, a 10 µL aliquot of the crude product solution was taken and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed that 86% of the starting material had been consumed in the reaction. The reaction solution was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the desired product was purified by flash column chromatography using a 330 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 40 % TBME in cyclohexane to 60 % TBME in cyclohexane. The product containing fractions were combined, and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The product was dissolved in acetonitrile (~20 mL) and recrystallised following the addition of water (~2 mL). Following filtration, 6-bromo-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4aa** (4.09 g, 12.6 mmol, 70 % yield) was isolated as a light brown powder.

Note: The reaction is not limited by further scalability. The starting materials and product are soluble up to at least 5 times the concentration used (0.5 M), and further modification of the flow equipment is facile for larger scale syntheses.

**mp:** 67-68 °C.

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3324, 2956, 1534, 1322, 1108, 795.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):** δ 8.50-8.48 (m, 1H, CH<sup>1</sup>), 7.40 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>3</sup>), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 9.5, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sup>2</sup>), 7.14 (s, 1H, CH<sup>4</sup>), 4.60 (s, 1H, NH<sup>5</sup>), 1.64 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>7</sup>), 1.23 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>6</sup>), 1.00 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>8</sup>).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):** δ 138.5 (C<sup>2a</sup>), 129.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 124.5 (C<sup>2</sup>H), 123.8 (C<sup>4</sup>H), 122.8 (C<sup>1</sup>H), 118.0 (C<sup>3</sup>H), 105.1 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 55.9 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 53.0 (C<sup>7</sup>H<sub>2</sub>), 31.4 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 31.3 (C<sup>8</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 29.0 (C<sup>6</sup>H<sub>3</sub>).

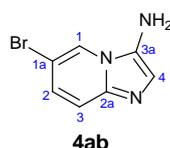
**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):** R<sub>t</sub> = 1.39 min, [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 324.2 m/z.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):** m/z calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>23</sub><sup>79</sup>BrN<sub>3</sub>: 324.1075, found: 324.1074 .  
m/z calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>23</sub><sup>81</sup>BrN<sub>3</sub>: 326.1055, found: 326.1076.

### Preparation under batch conditions:

The reaction was performed using conditions reported in the patent literature.<sup>5</sup> To a solution of 5-bromo-2-aminopyridine **1n** (3.11 g, 18.0 mmol) and formaldehyde **2h** (1.49 mL, 37 % wt. solution in H<sub>2</sub>O, 19.8 mmol) in a mixture of methanol (16.4 mL) and dichloromethane (32.7 mL) was added 1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutylisocyanide **3d** (3.79 mL, 21.6 mmol) and scandium(III)trifluoromethanesulfonate (443 mg, 0.900 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred under ambient conditions for 20 h. During the course of the reaction, 10 μL aliquots were removed from the reaction mixture at 50 min and 20 h time points, and analysed according to the HPLC method described above (see Section 4.1 Procedure for deriving conversion estimates from HPLC concentration gradients), which showed 65 % consumption of the starting material after 50 min and an 88 % consumption after 20 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the residue purified by flash column chromatography, using a 330 g RediSep silica cartridge, with an elution gradient of 20 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane to 40 % ethyl acetate in cyclohexane. The product-containing fractions were combined, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to afford 6-bromo-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4aa** (3.63 g, 11.2 mmol, 62 % Yield) as a light brown powder.

### 6-Bromoimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4ab**



A solution of 6-bromo-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine **4aa** (4.00 g, 12.3 mmol) in HCl (50 mL, 6 M in *iso*-propanol, 300 mmol) was stirred at room temperature for 24 h under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo*, and the resultant material was dissolved in a mixture of methanol (30 mL) and water (20 mL), passed through an Isolute<sup>®</sup> 2 g amino propyl frit, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to afford 6-bromoimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine-3-amine **4ab** (2.62 g, 12.4 mmol, 100 % yield) as an off-white powder.

**mp:** 215-216 °C (dec.)

**IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3482, 3410, 2816, 1655, 1510, 827, 772.

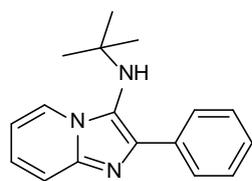
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):**  $\delta$  9.00 (dd,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.8$ ,  $^5J_{\text{HH}} = 1.0$  Hz, 1H, CH<sup>1</sup>), 7.87-7.79 (m, 2H, CH<sup>2</sup>, CH<sup>3</sup>), 7.28 (s, 1H, CH<sup>4</sup>), 4.60 (br. s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):**  $\delta$  133.4 (C<sup>2a</sup>), 133.0 (C<sup>2H</sup>), 132.4 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 124.4 (C<sup>1H</sup>), 113.2 (C<sup>3H</sup>), 109.3 (C<sup>1a</sup>), 102.8 (C<sup>4H</sup>).

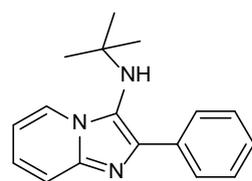
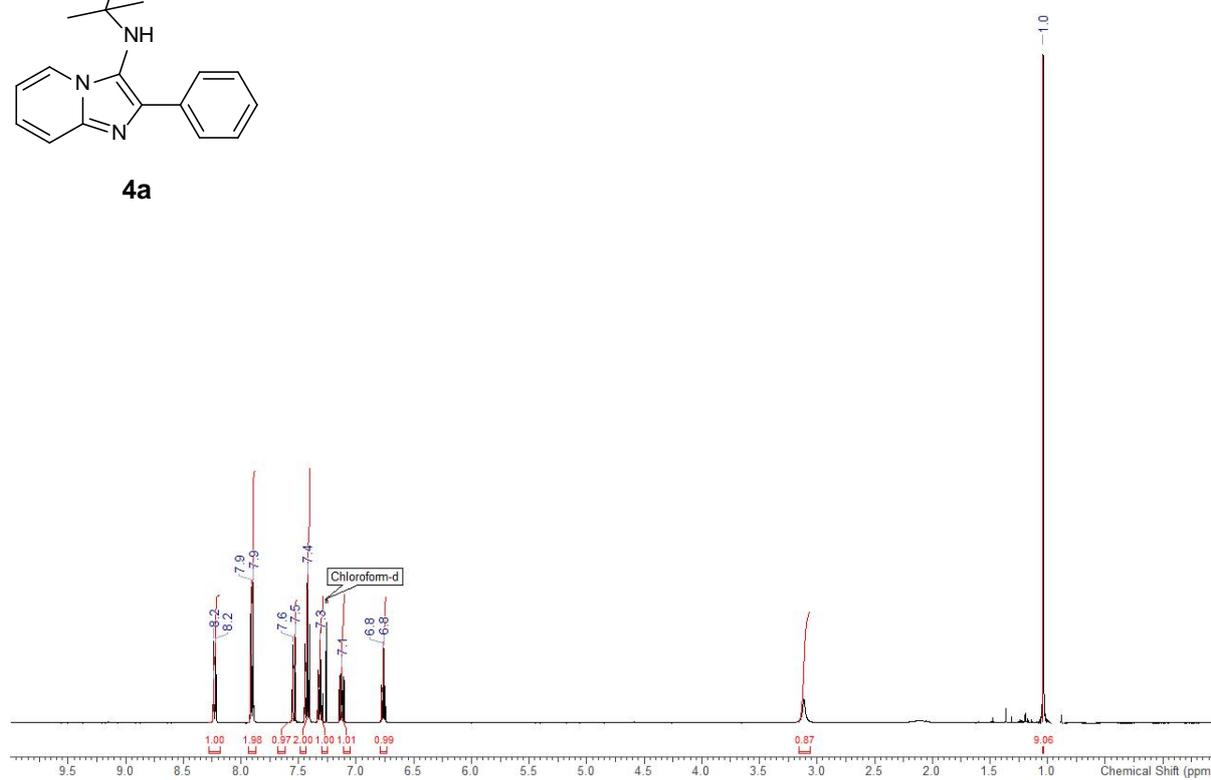
**LCMS (High pH, UV, ESI):**  $R_t = 0.62$  min, [M]<sup>-</sup> 210.0 m/z.

**HRMS (TOF ESI, formic acid):** m/z calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub><sup>79</sup>BrN<sub>3</sub>: 211.9823, found: 211.9824. m/z calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub><sup>81</sup>BrN<sub>3</sub>: 213.803, found: 213.9806.

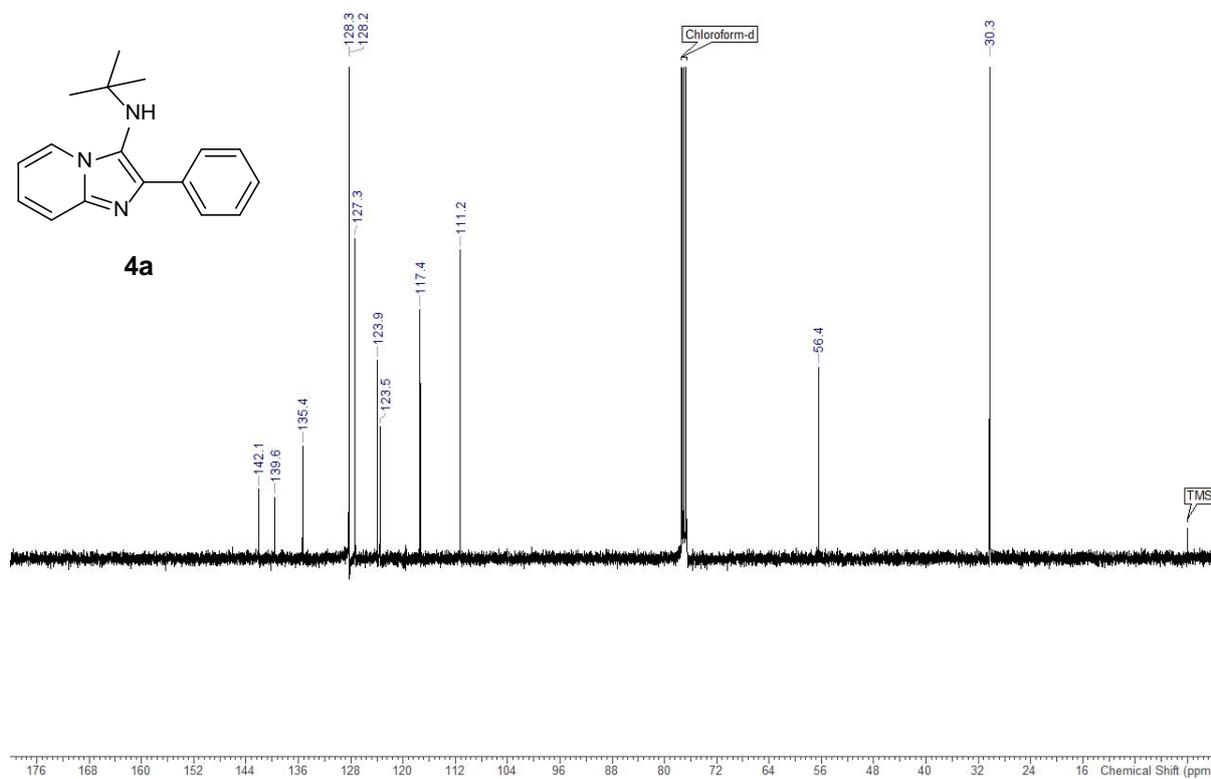
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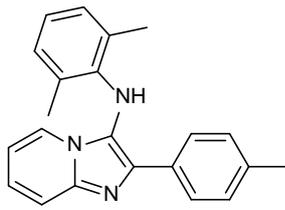


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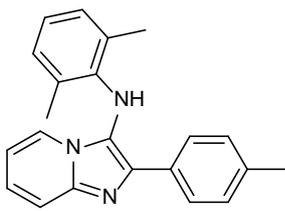
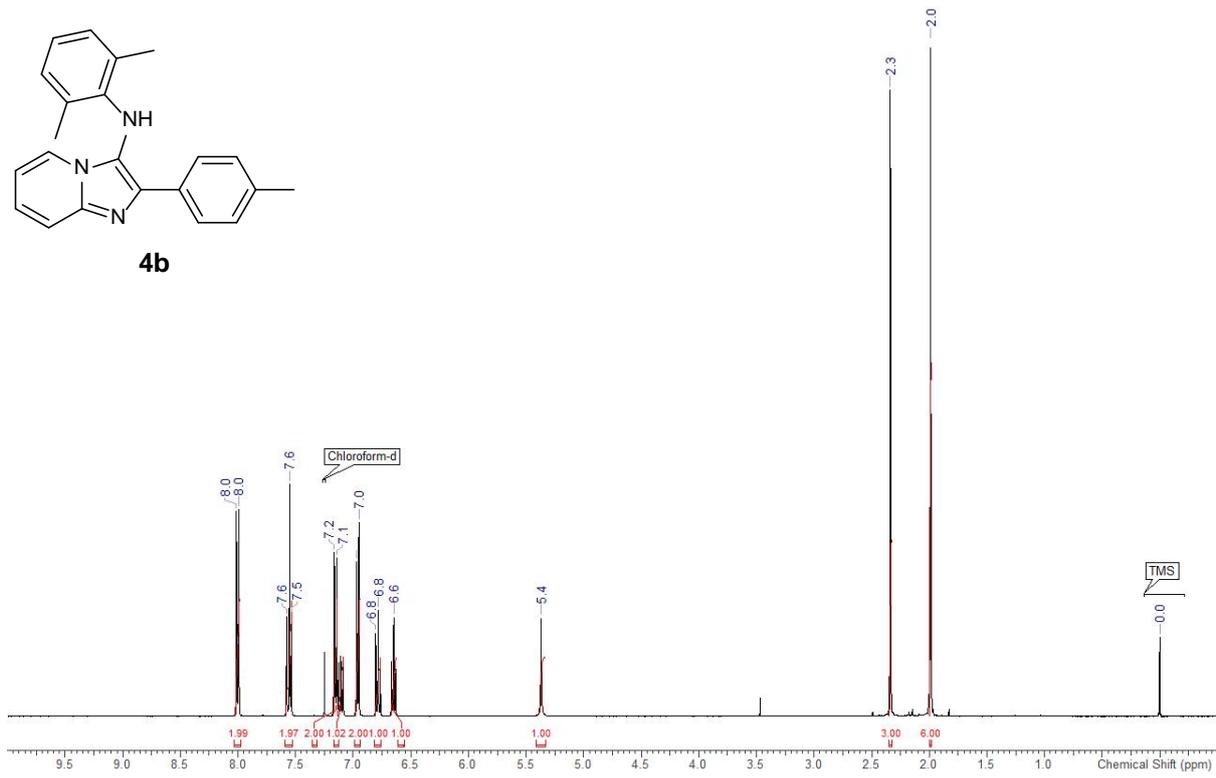


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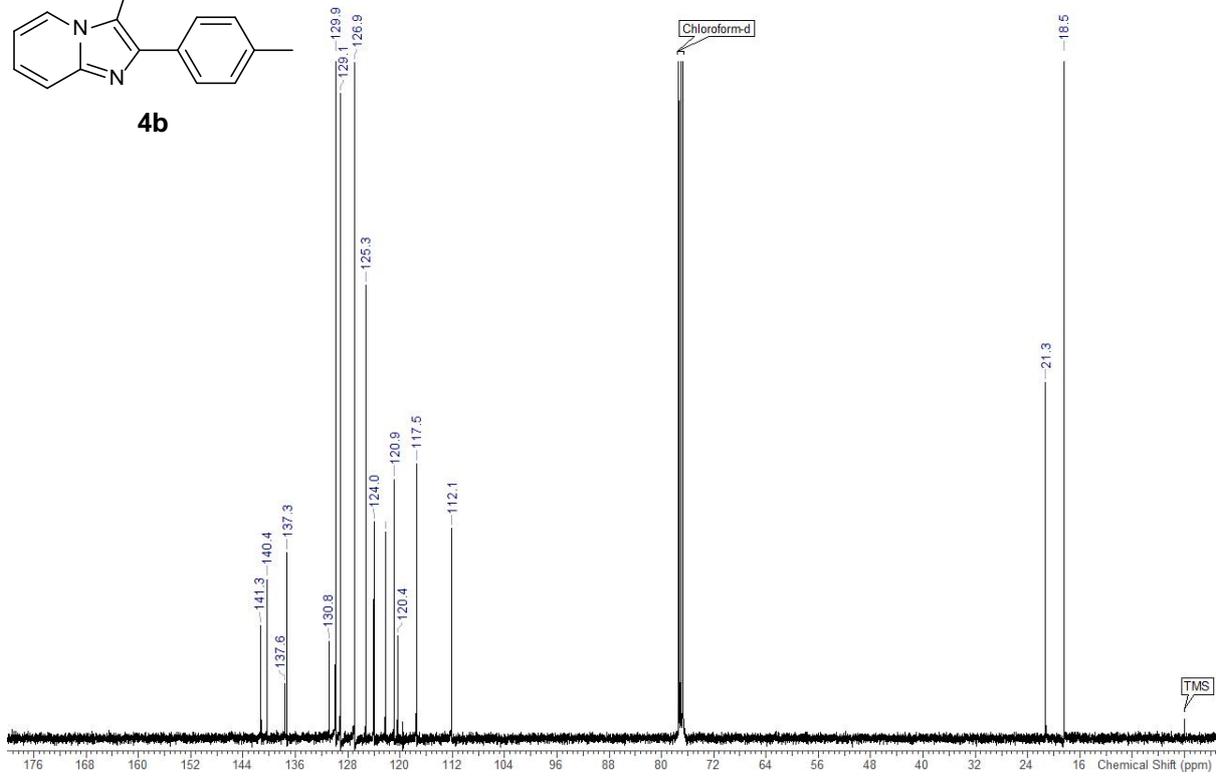


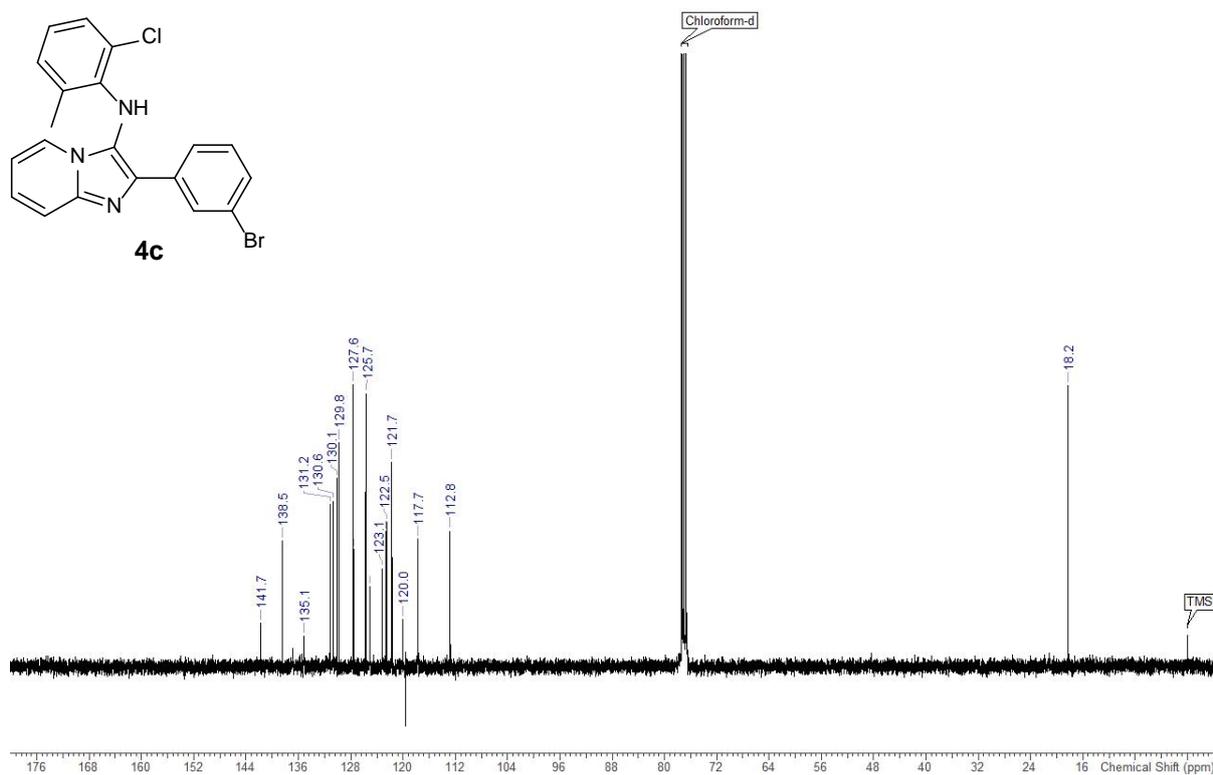
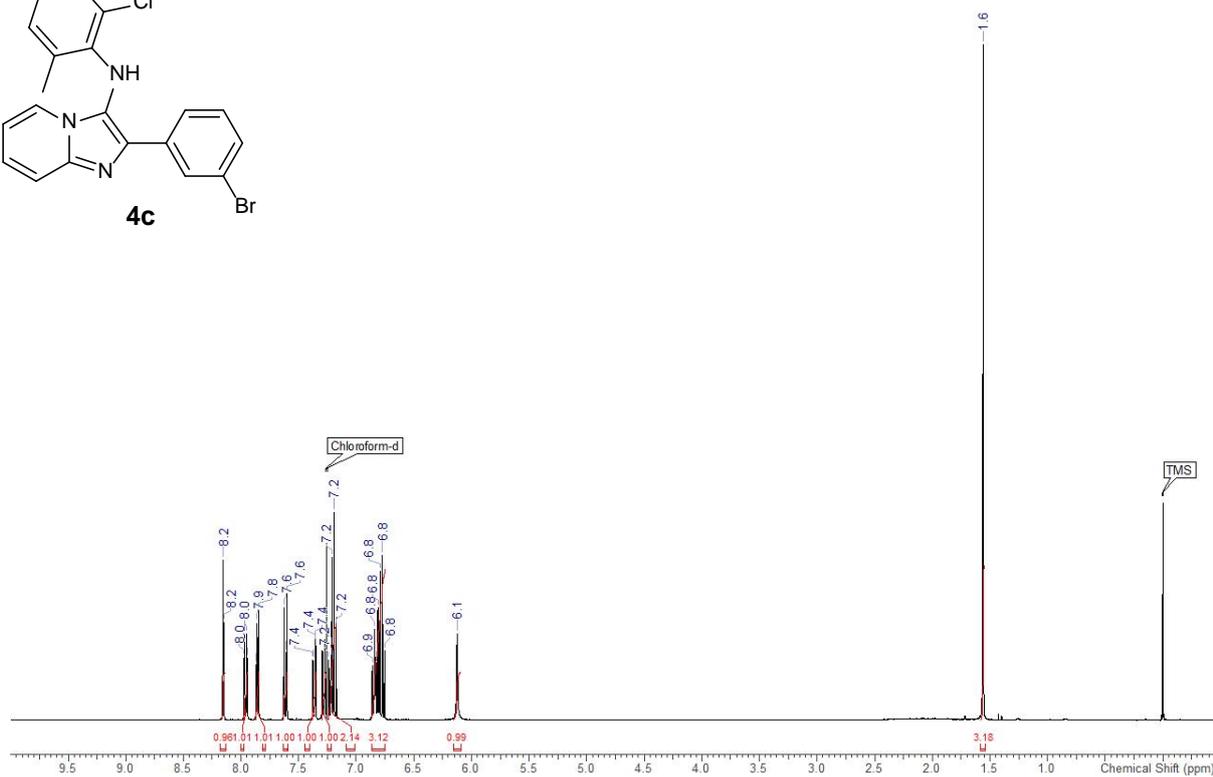
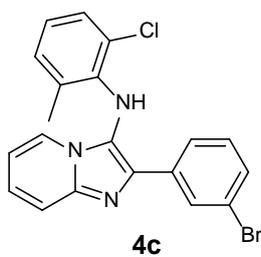


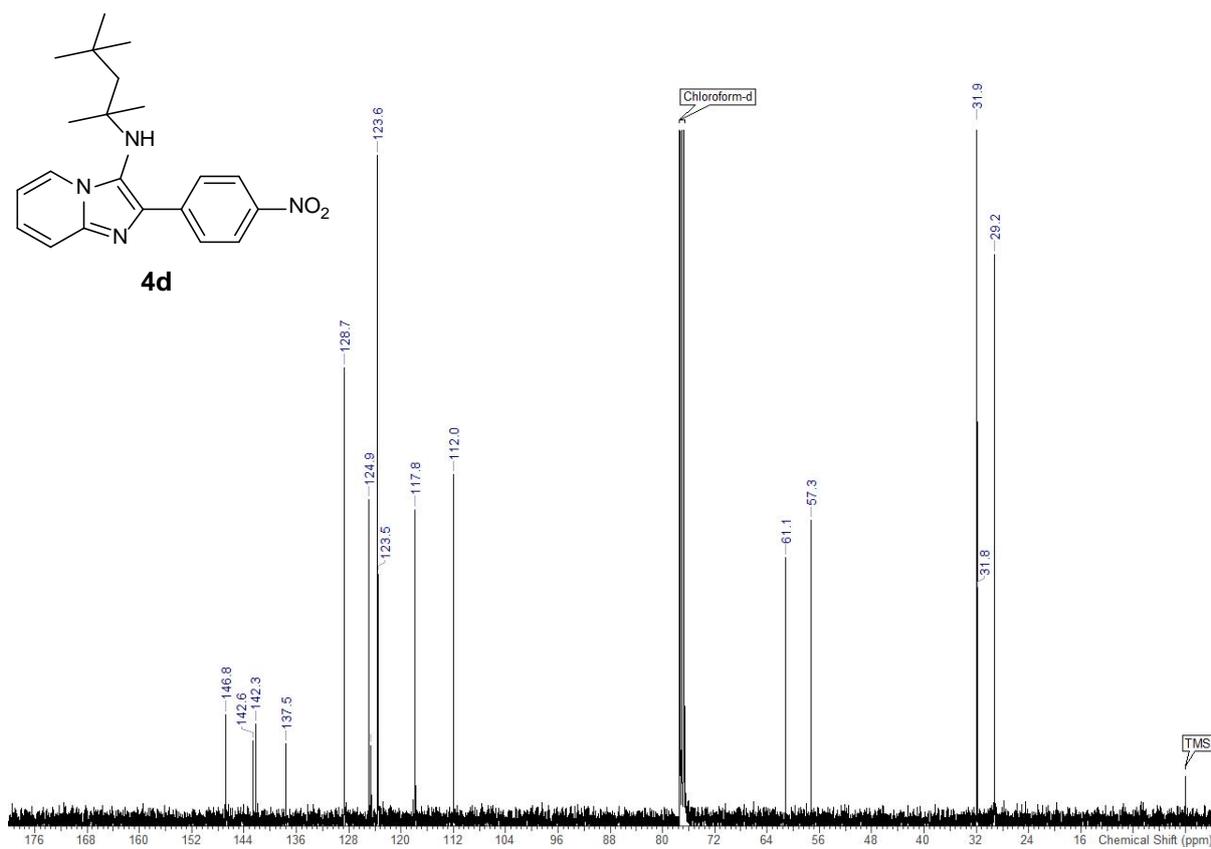
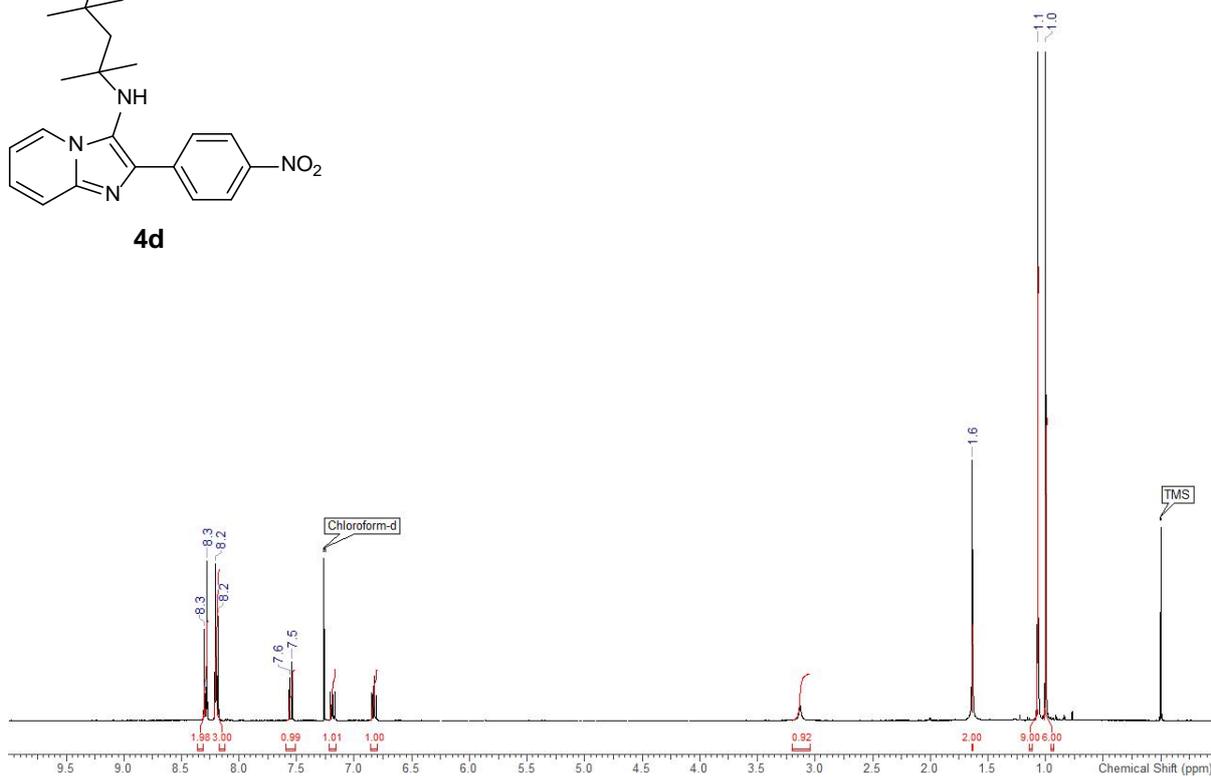
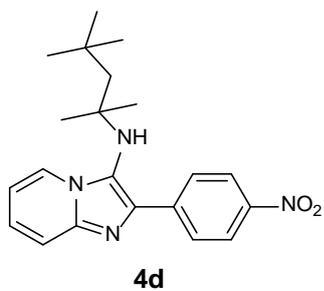
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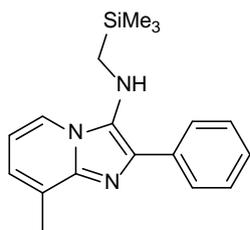


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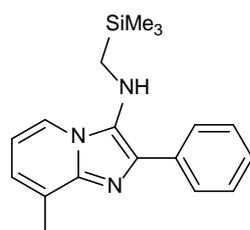
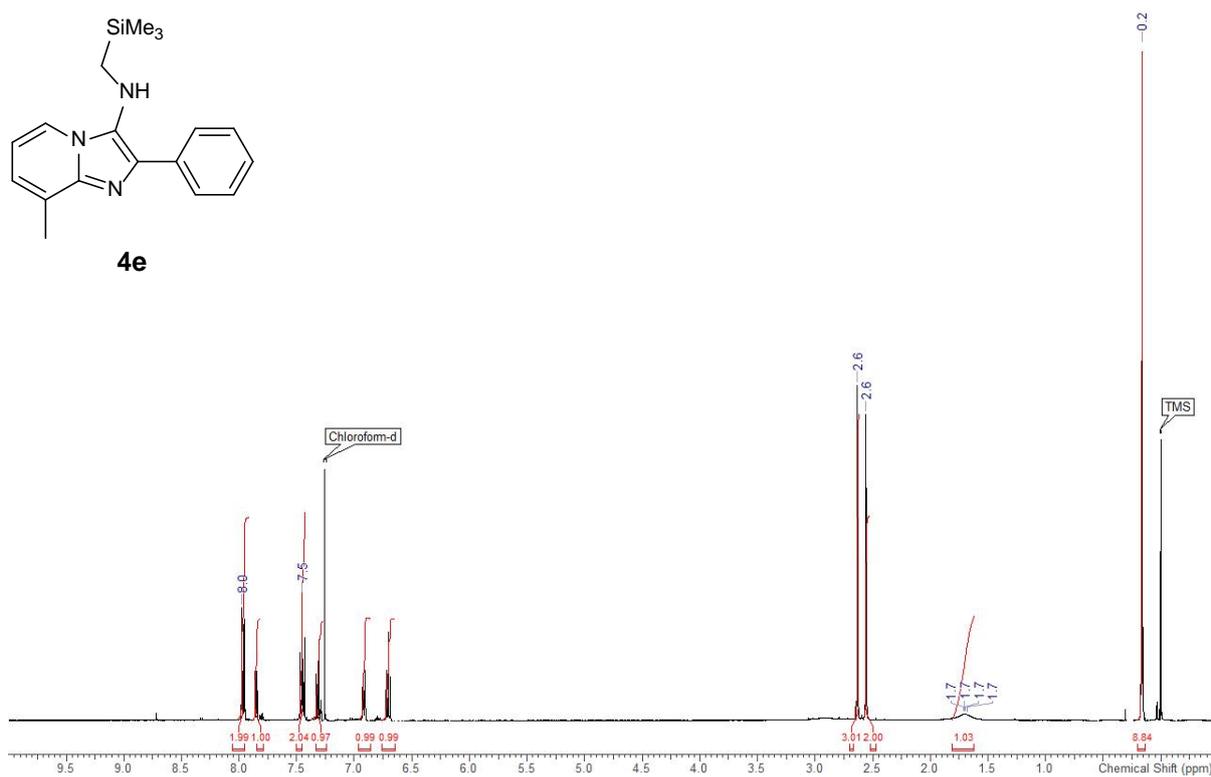




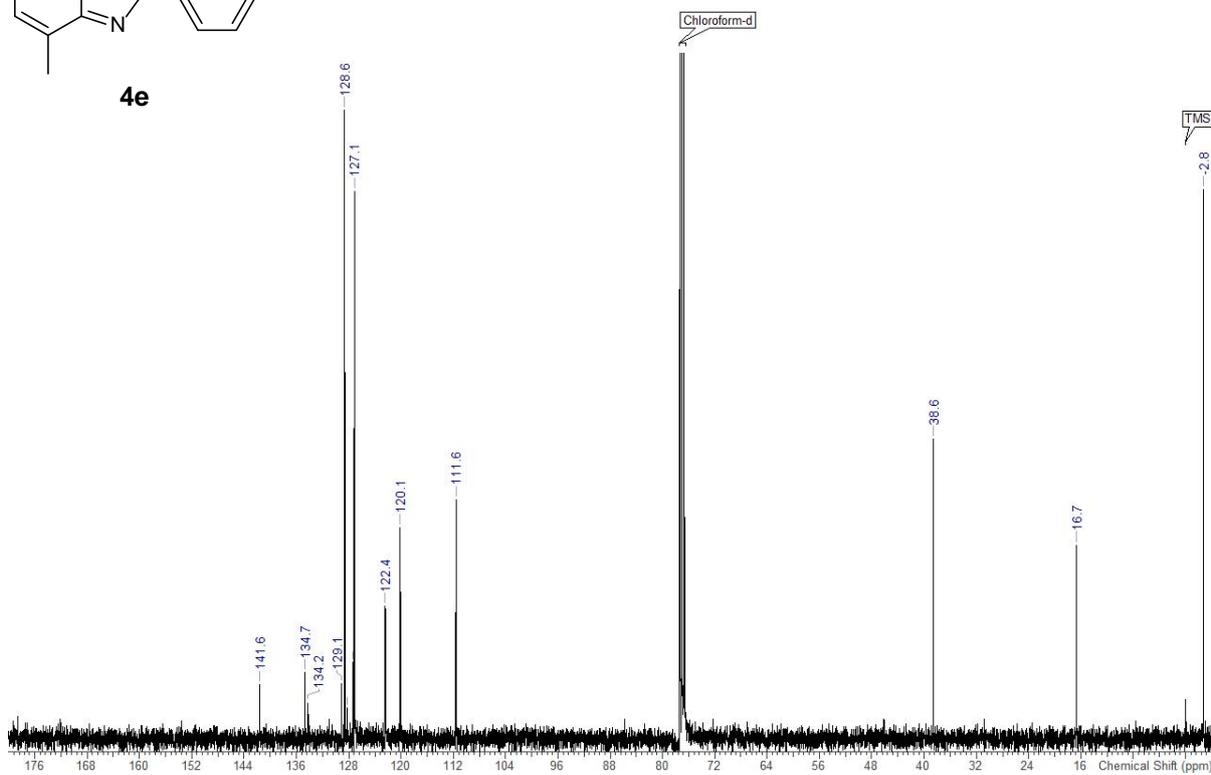


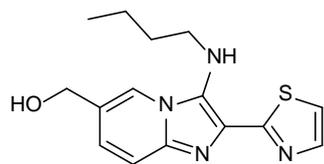


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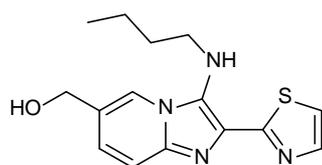
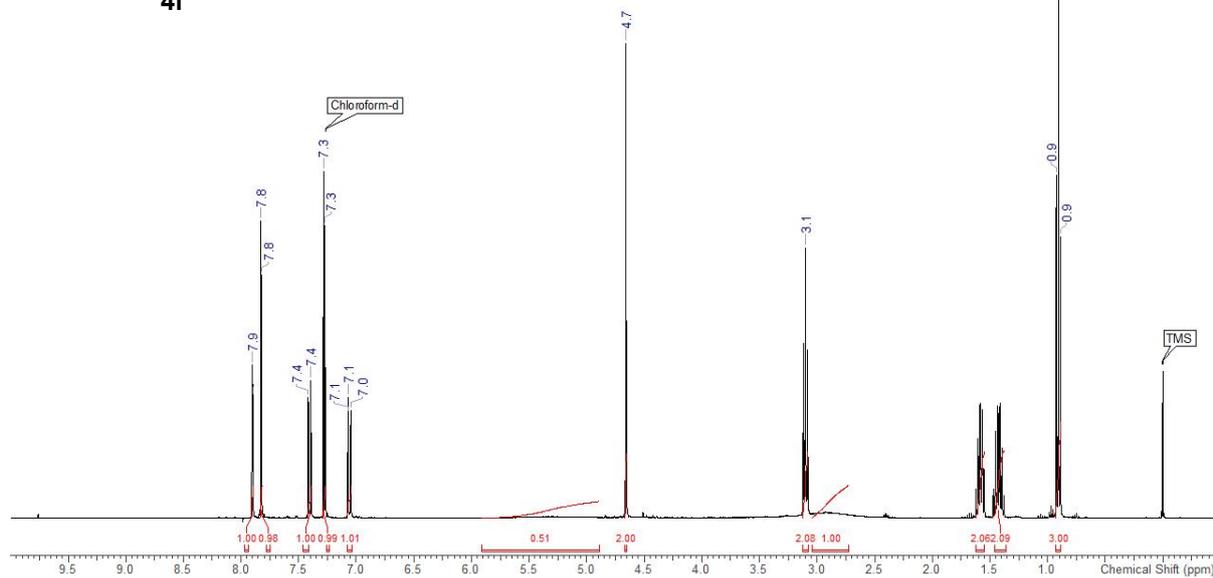


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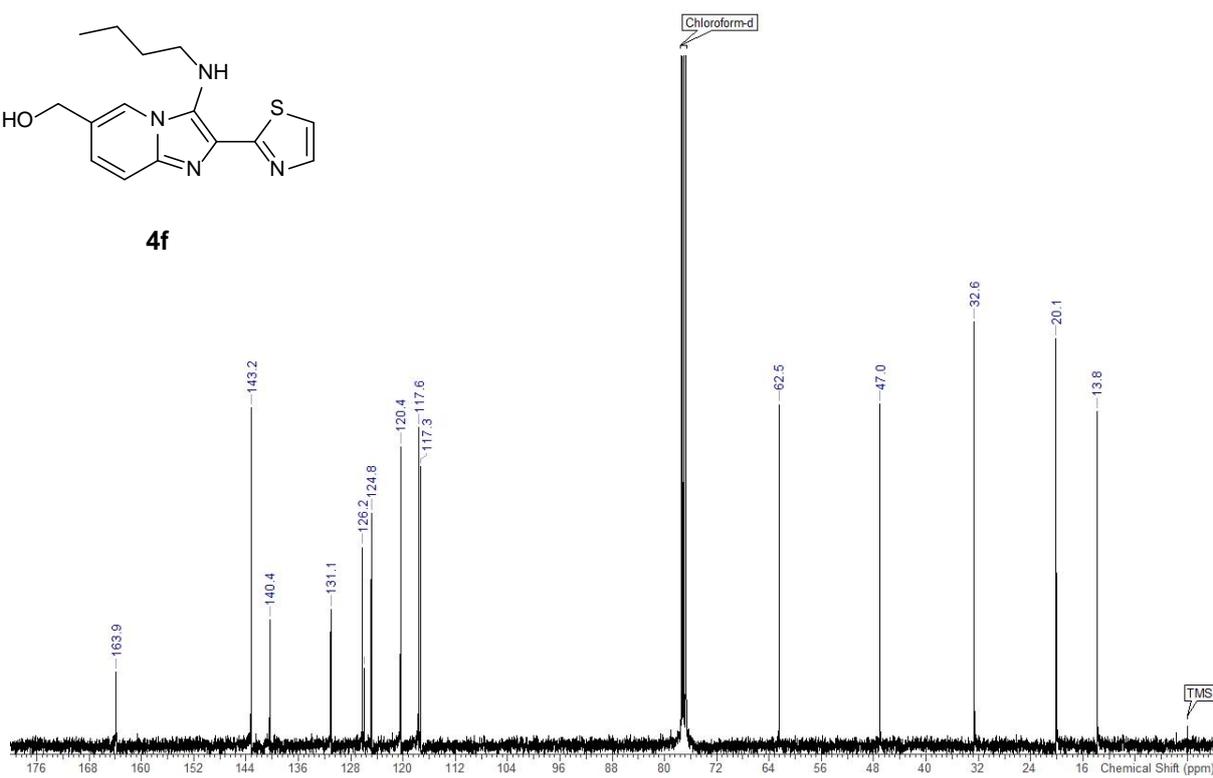


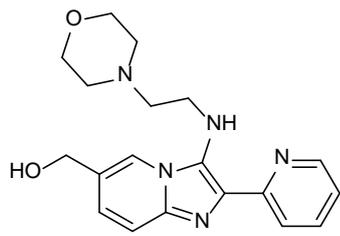


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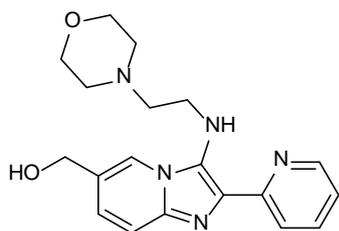
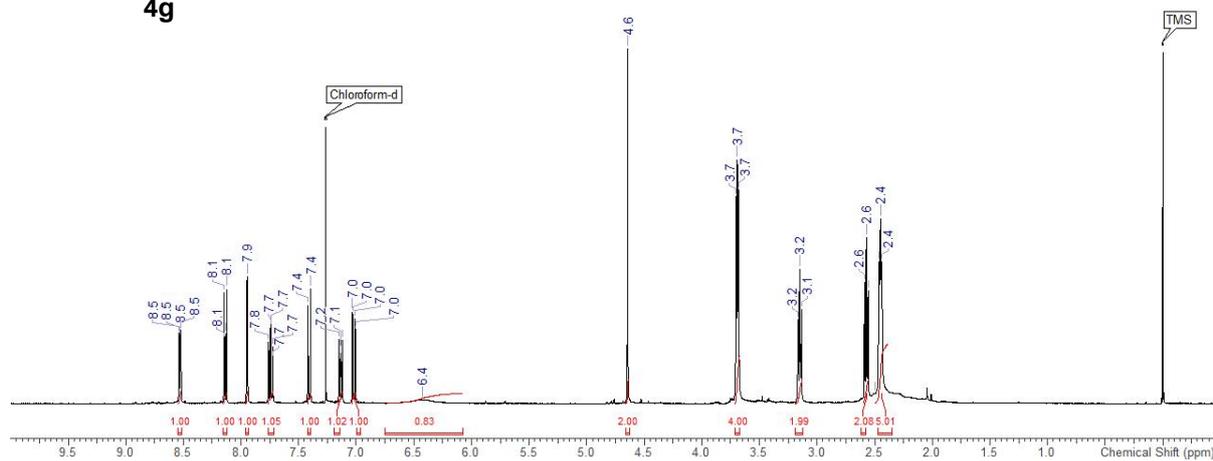


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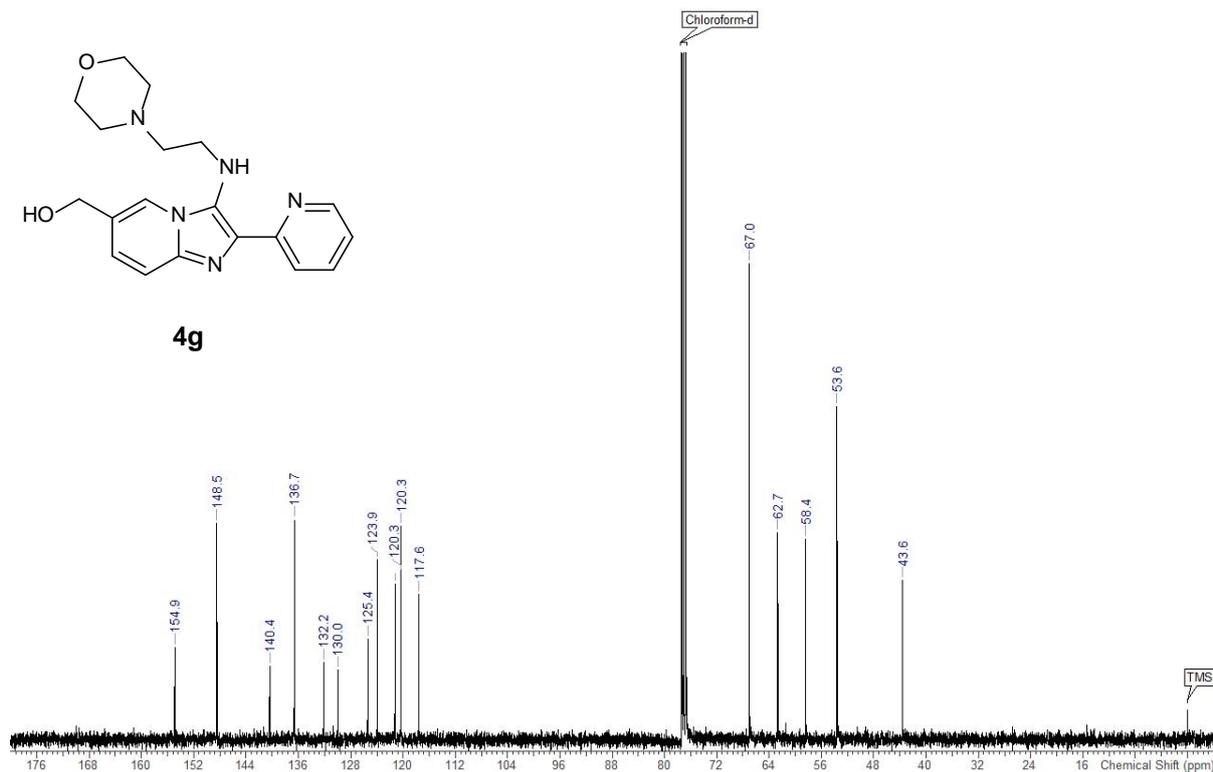


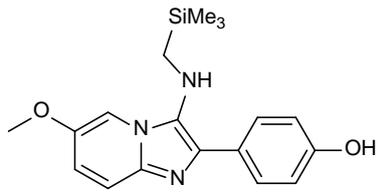


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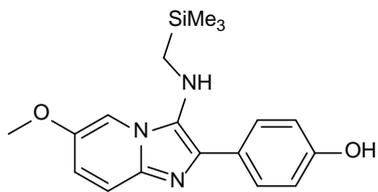
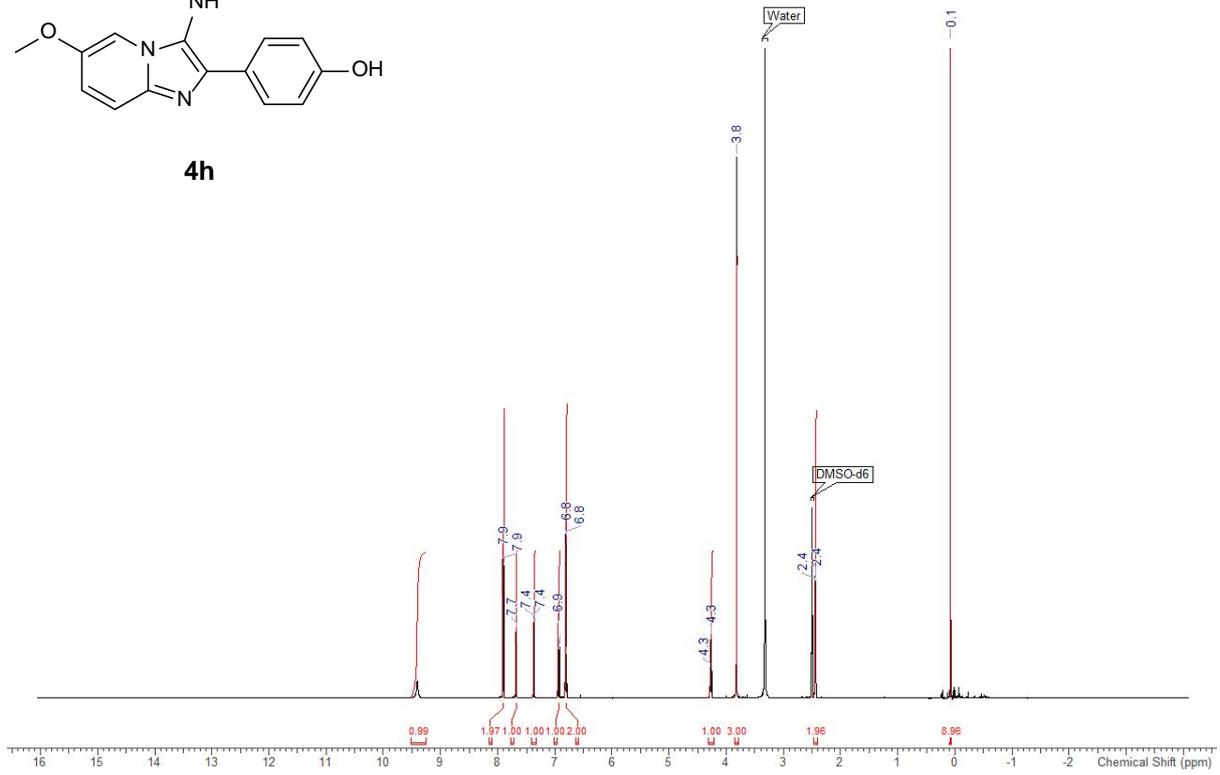


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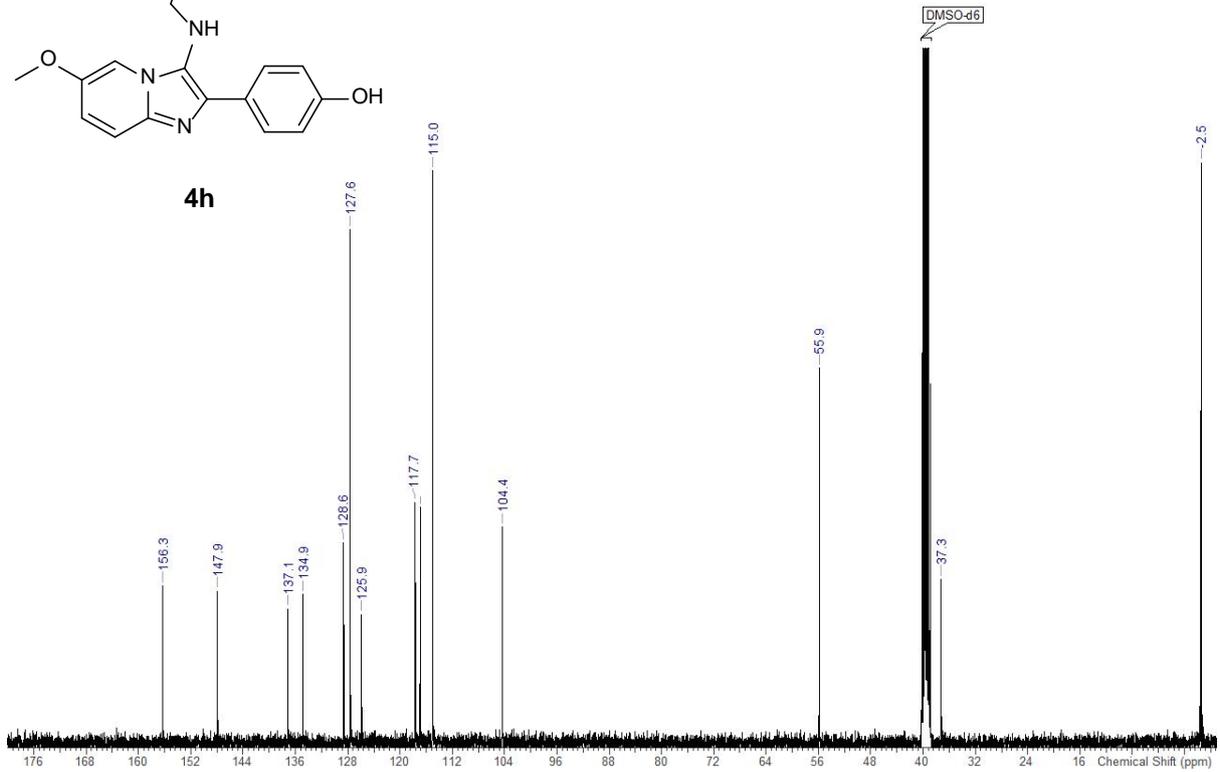


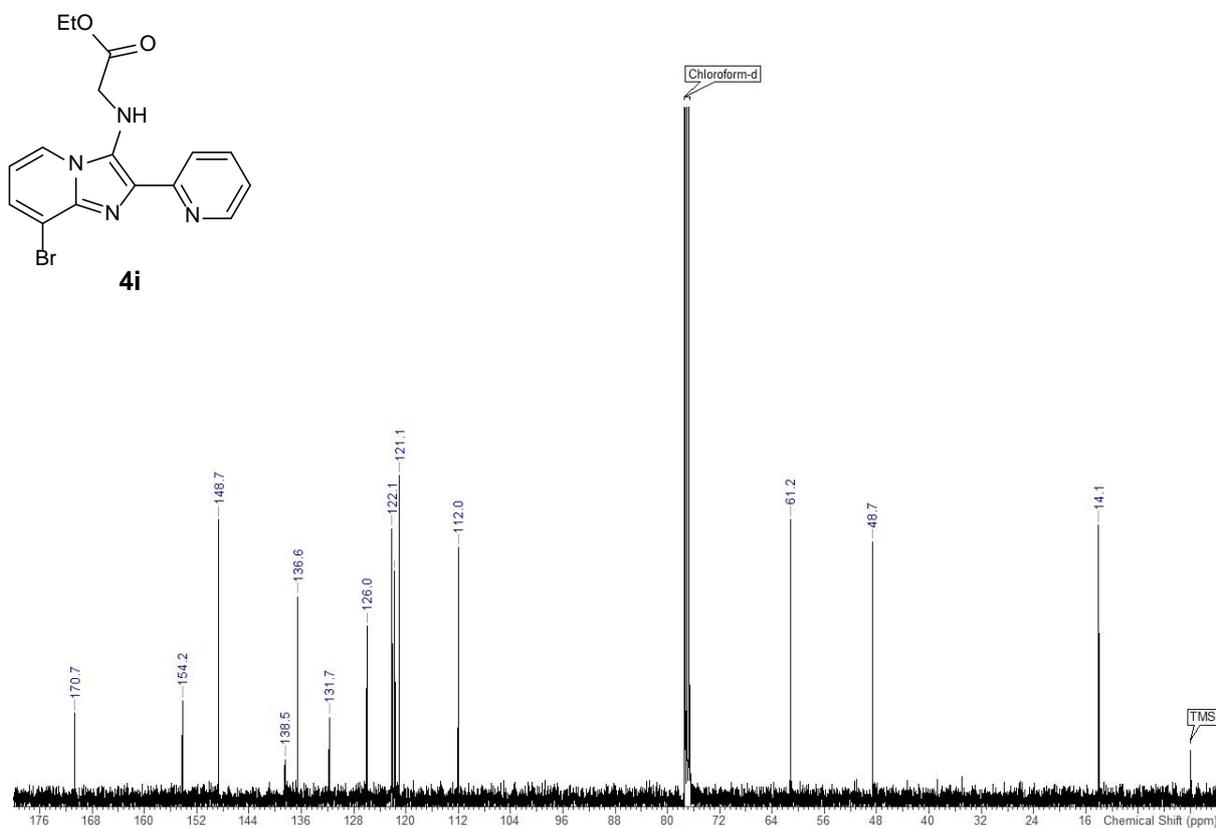
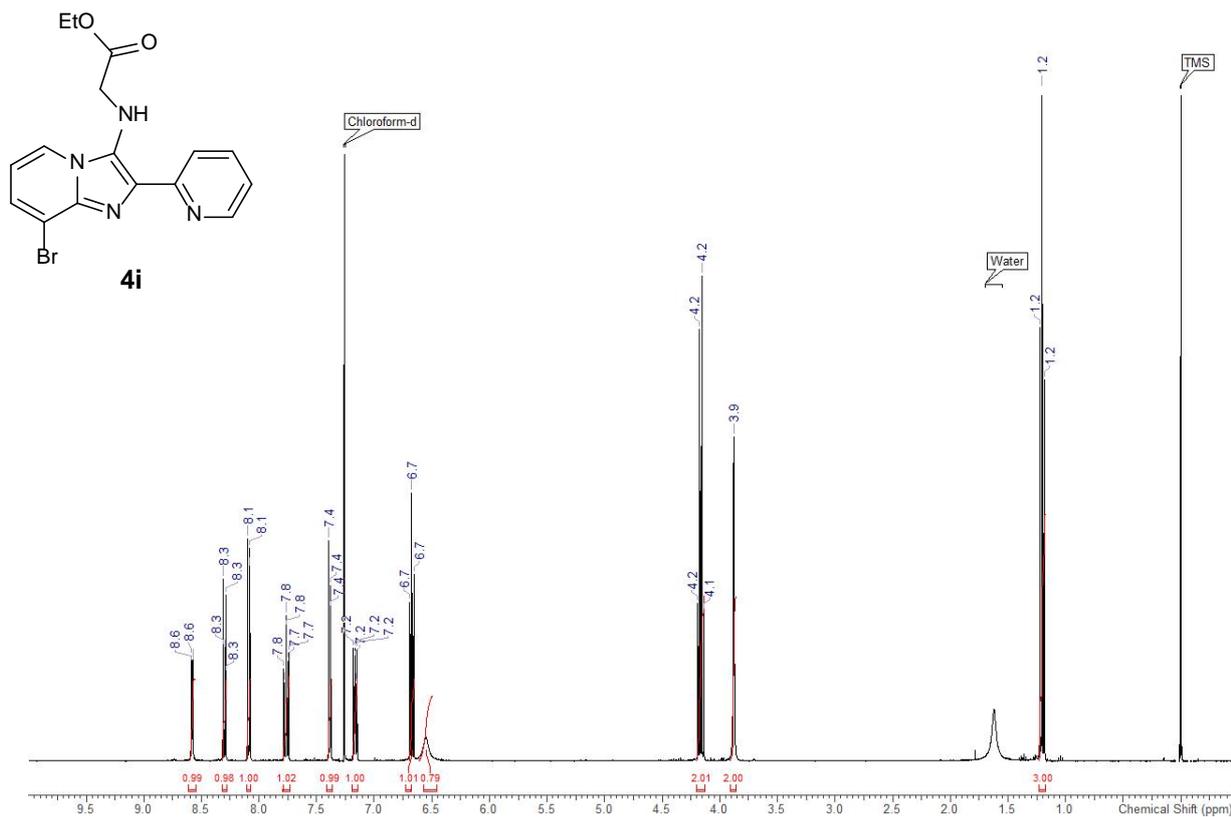


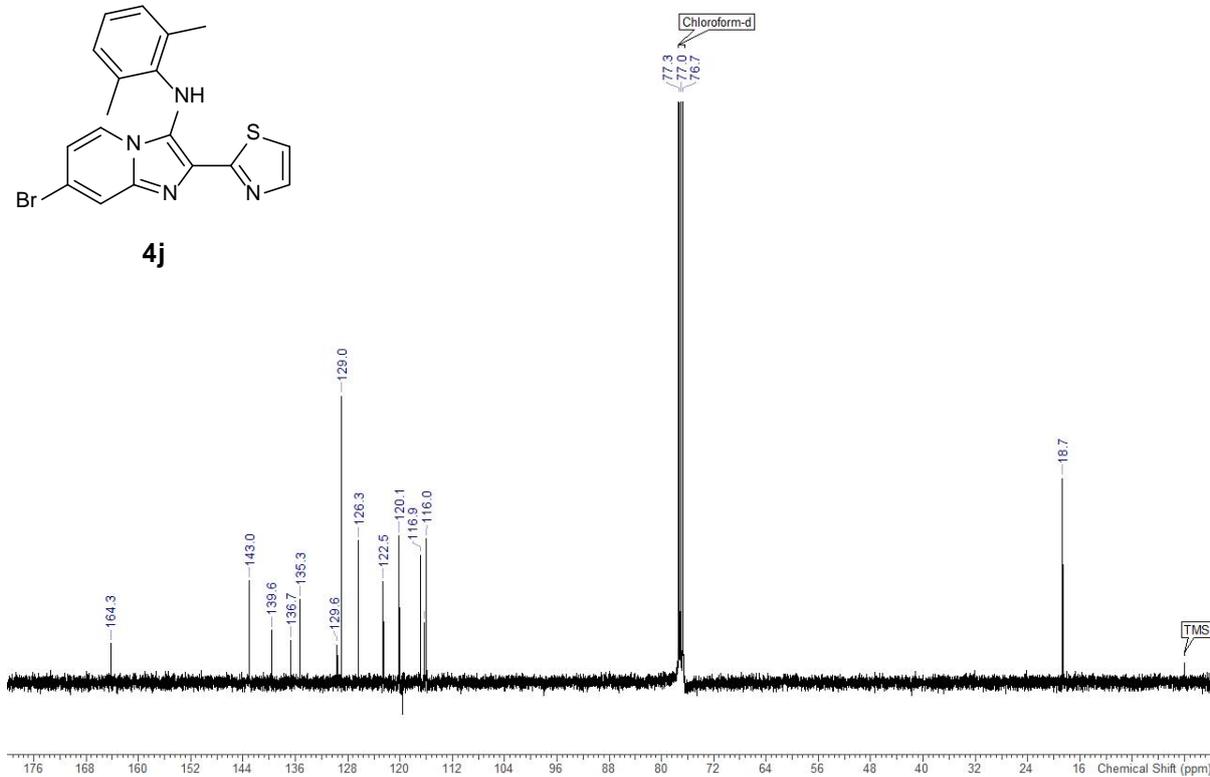
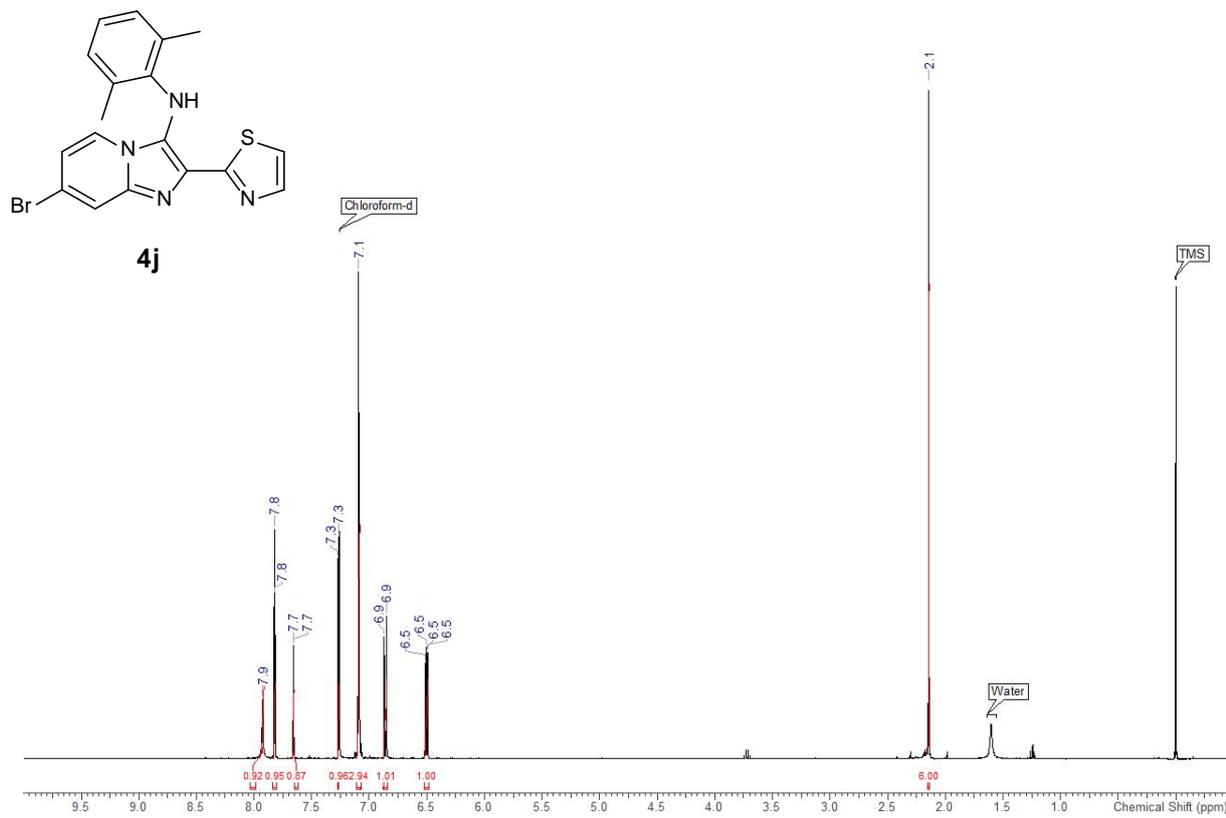
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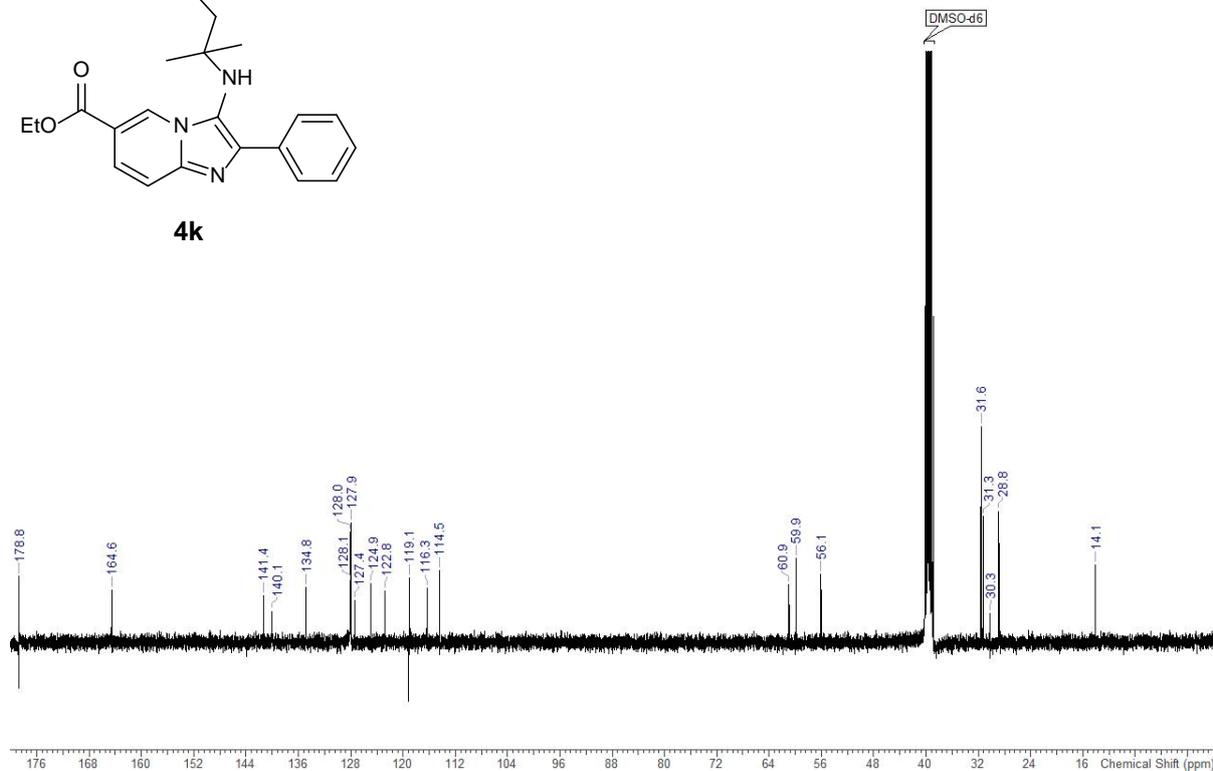
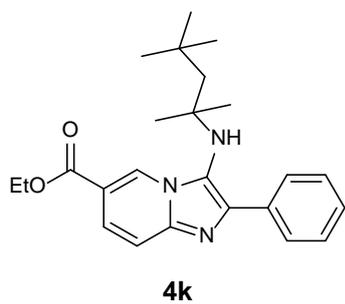
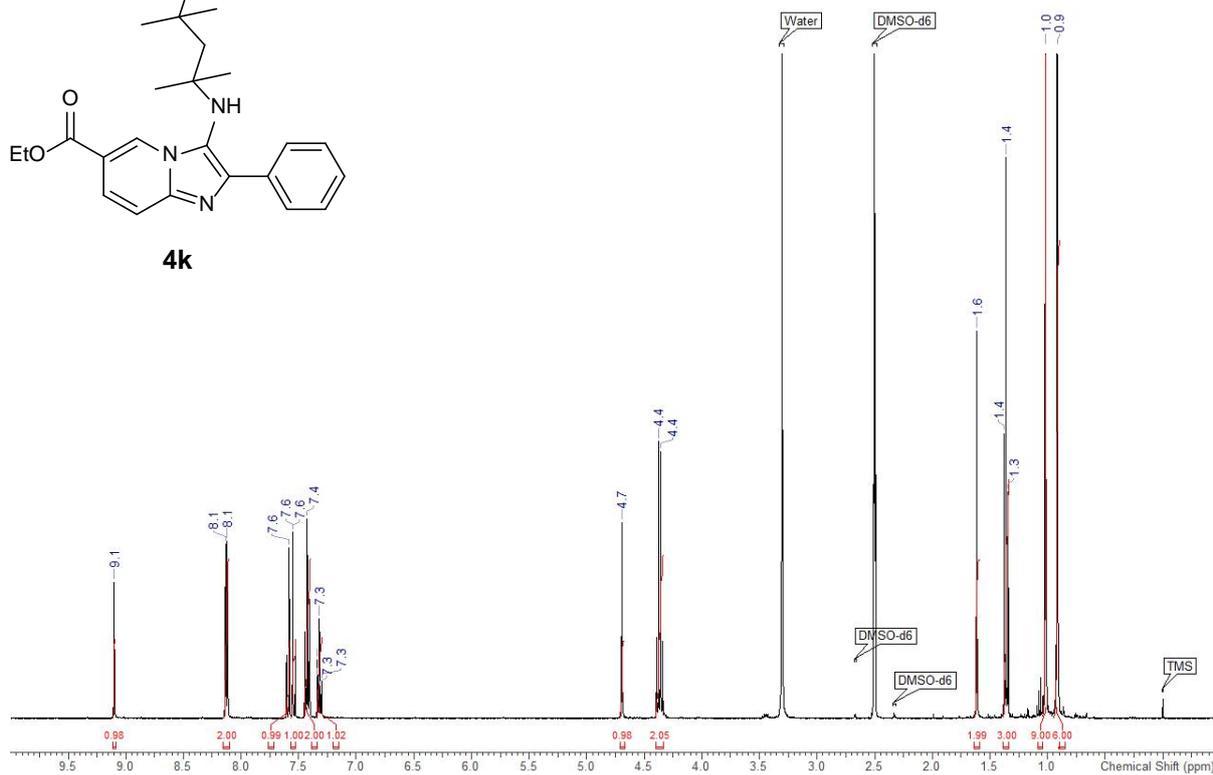
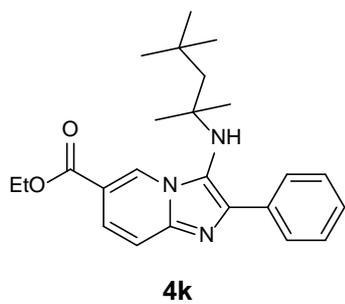


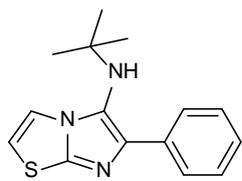
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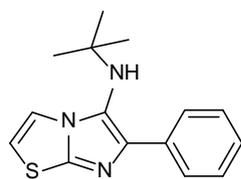
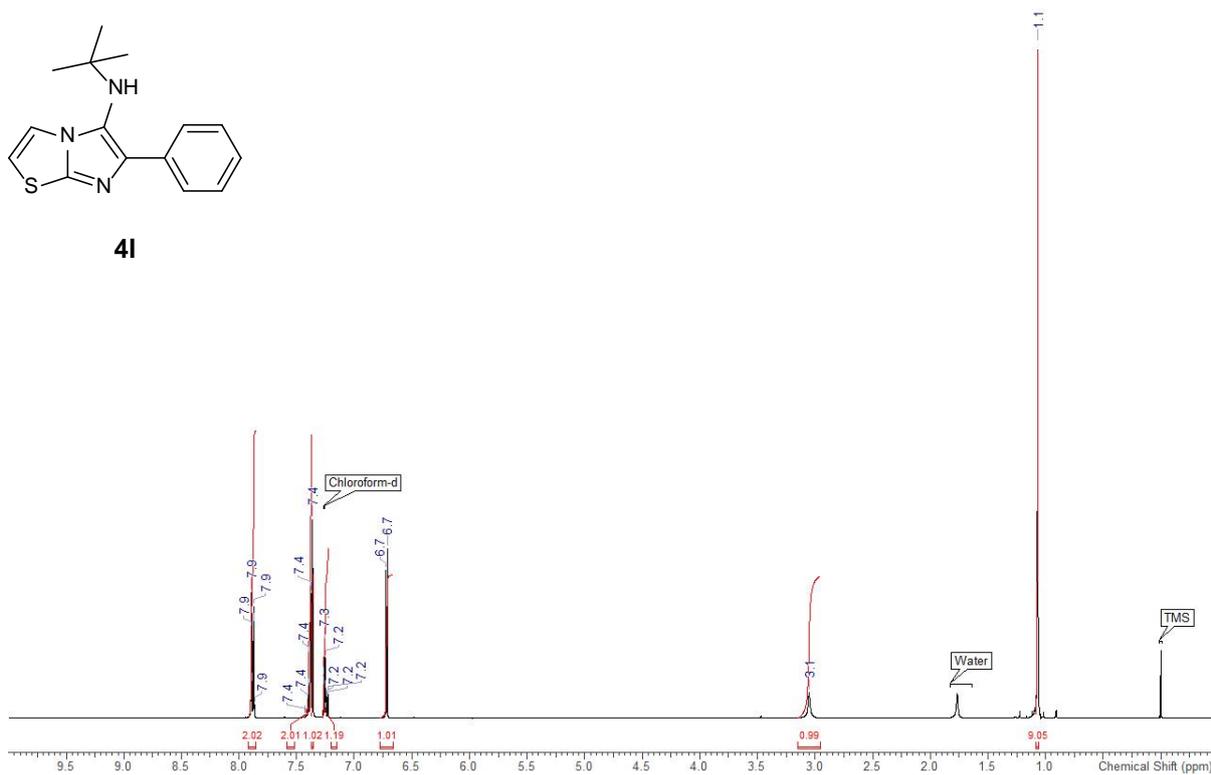




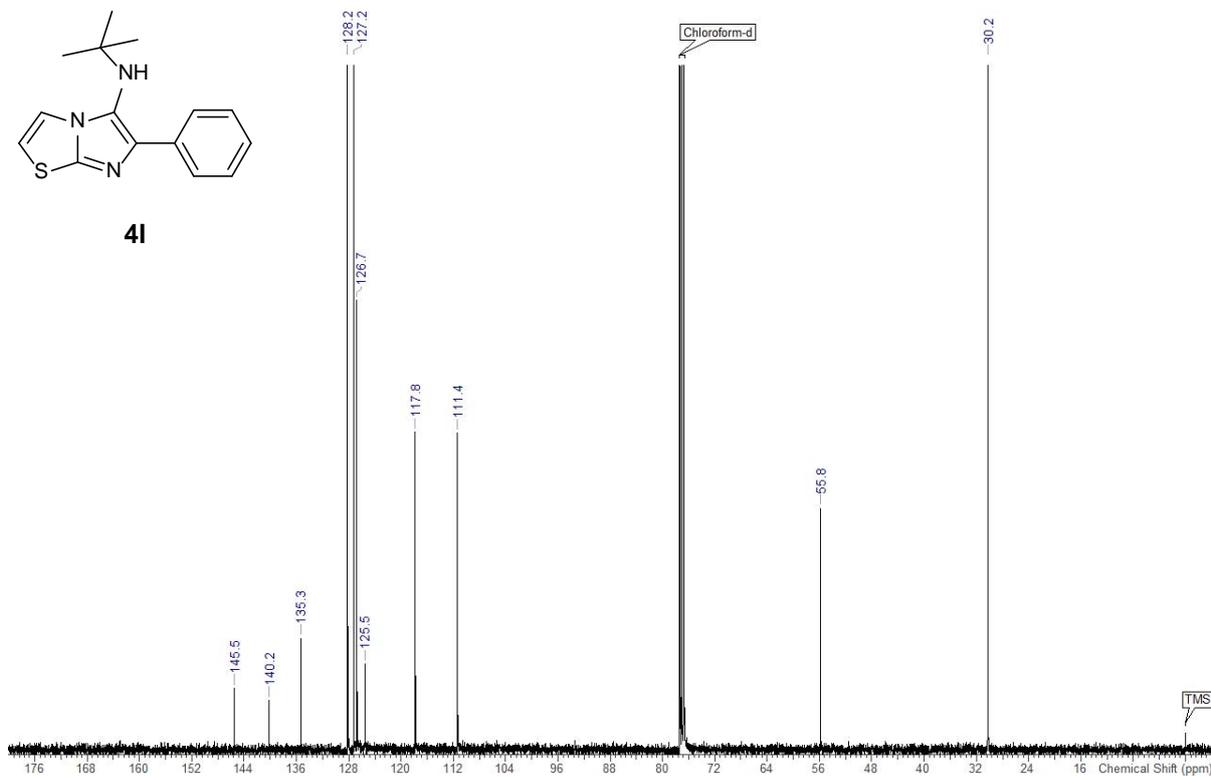


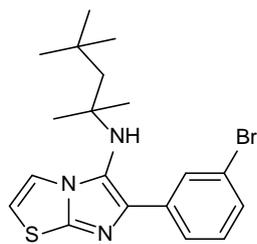


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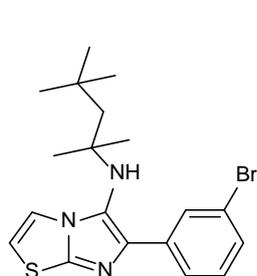
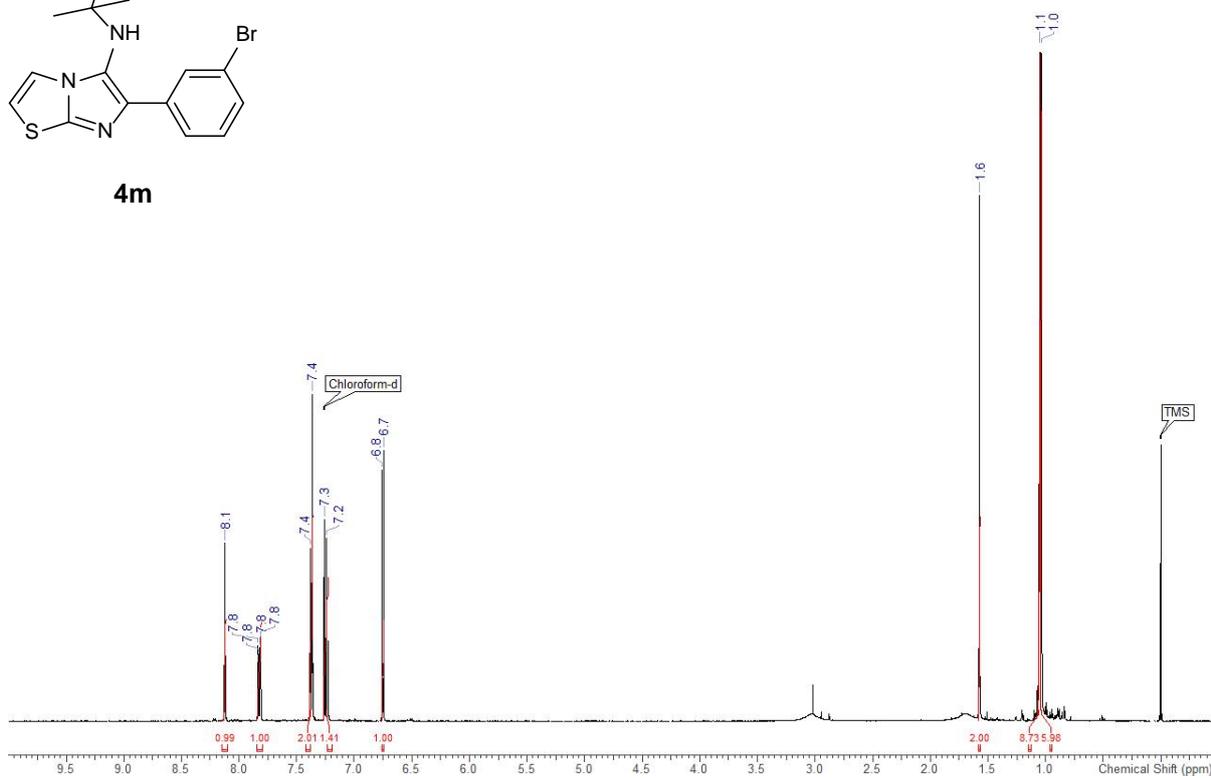


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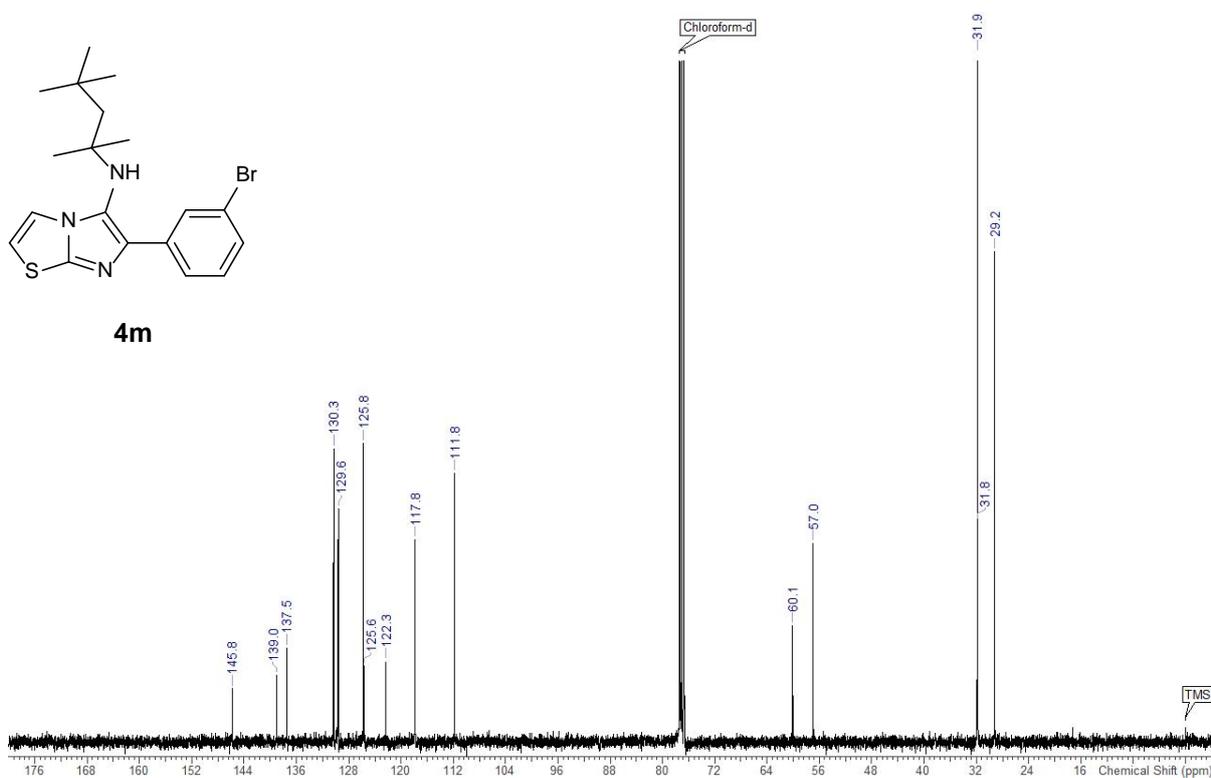


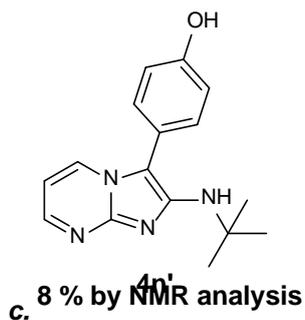
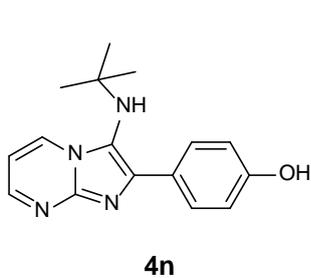


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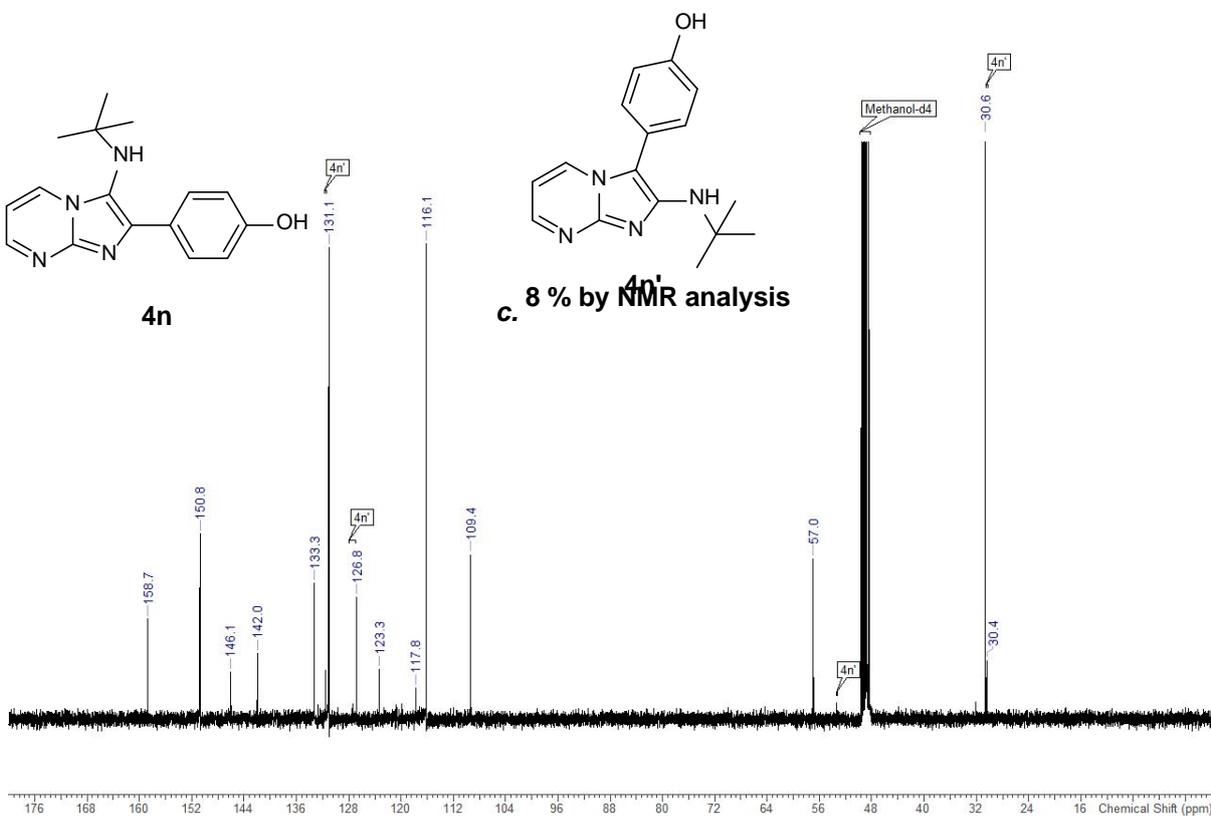
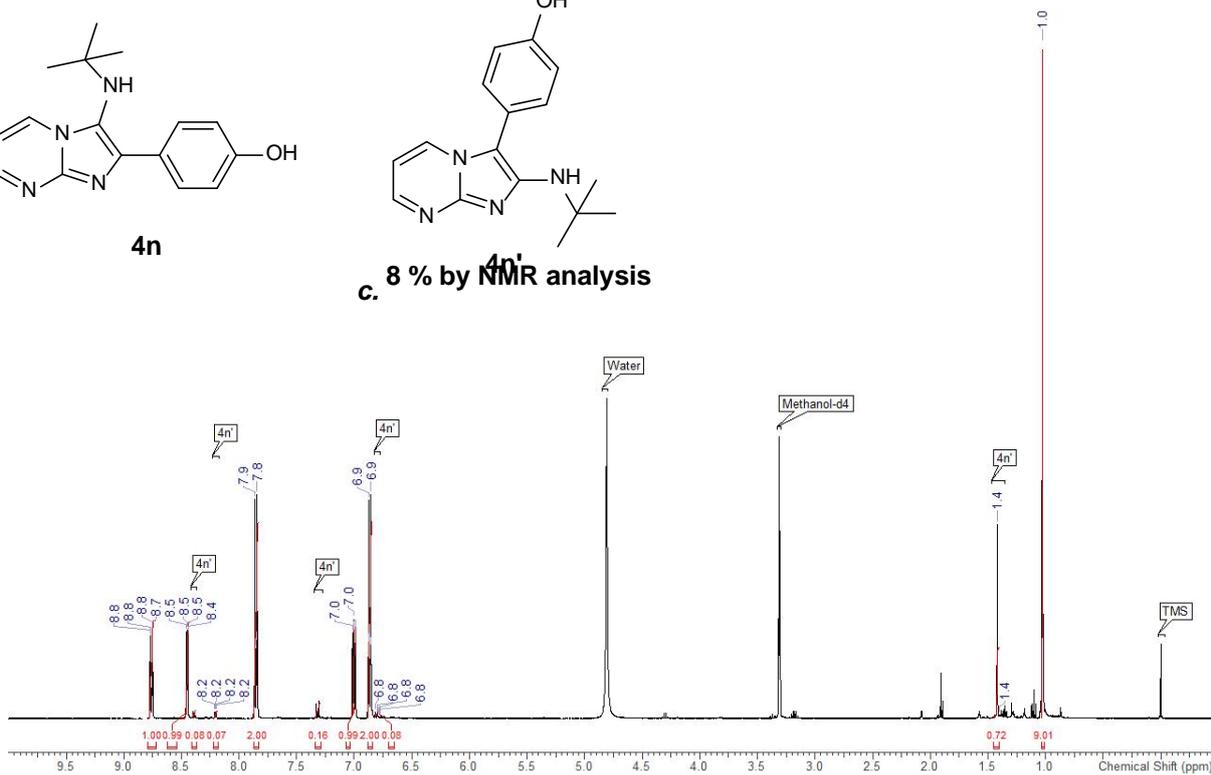


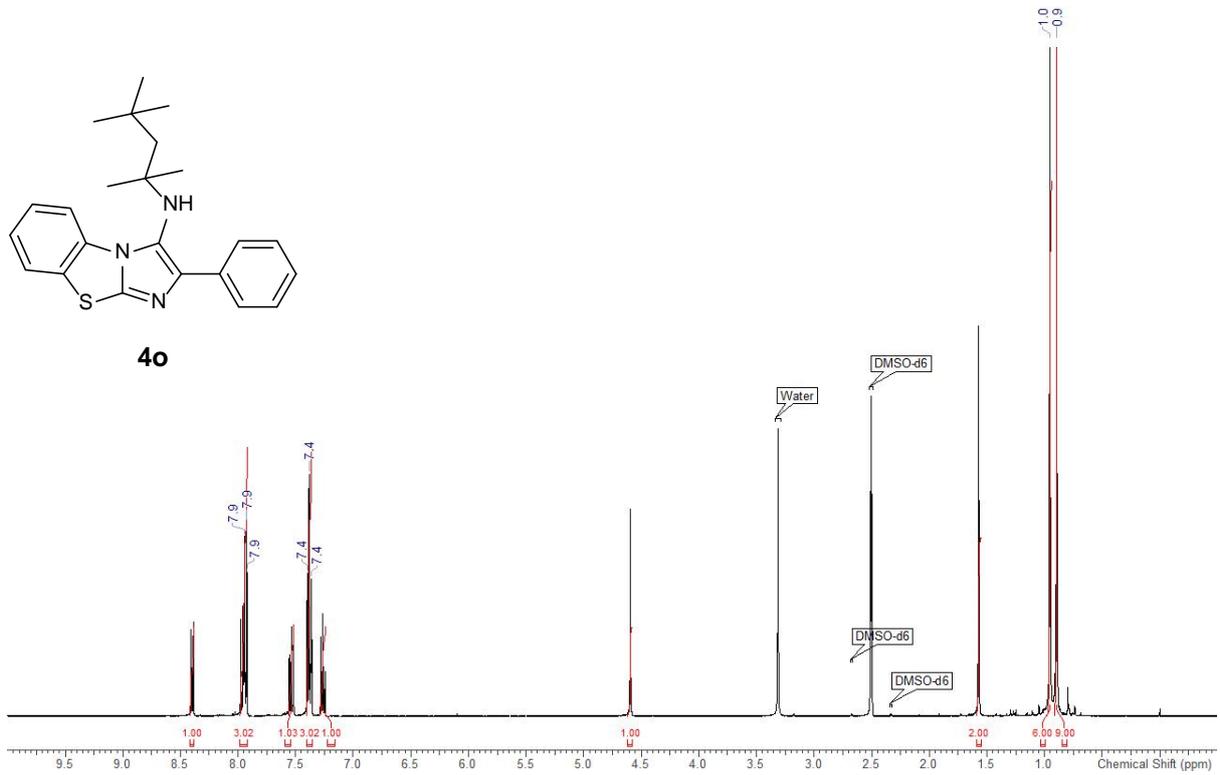
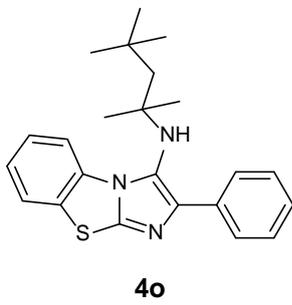
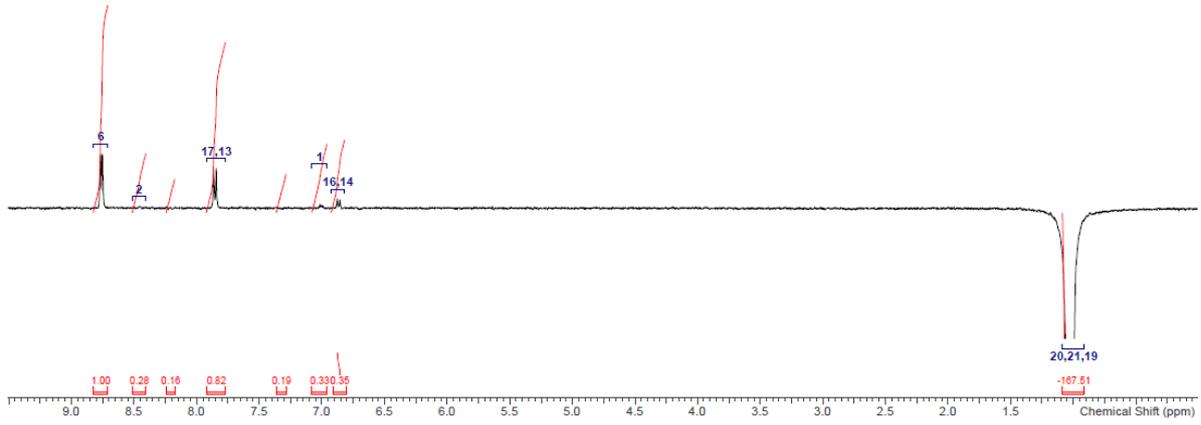
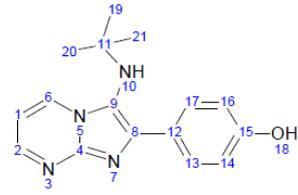
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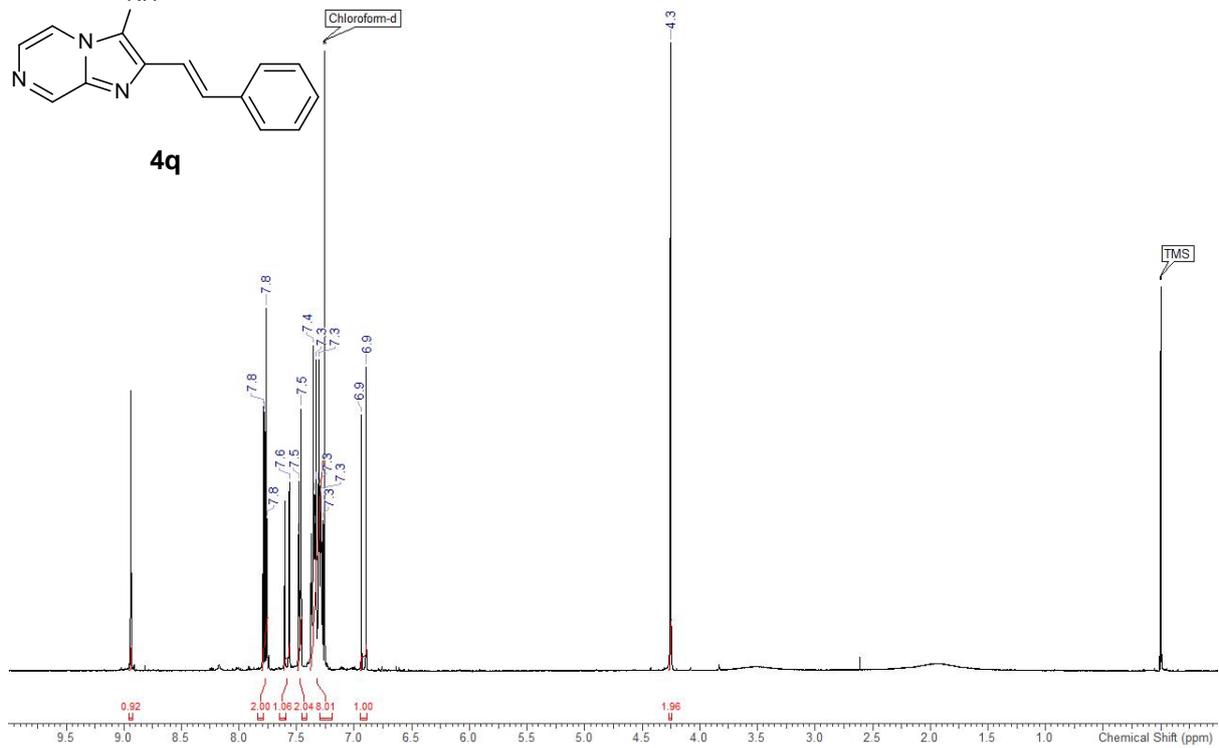
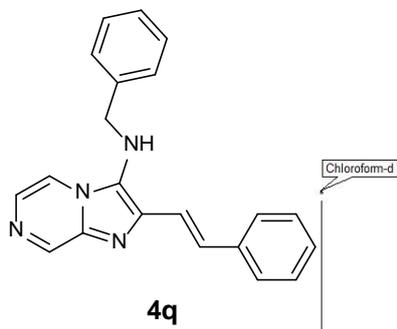
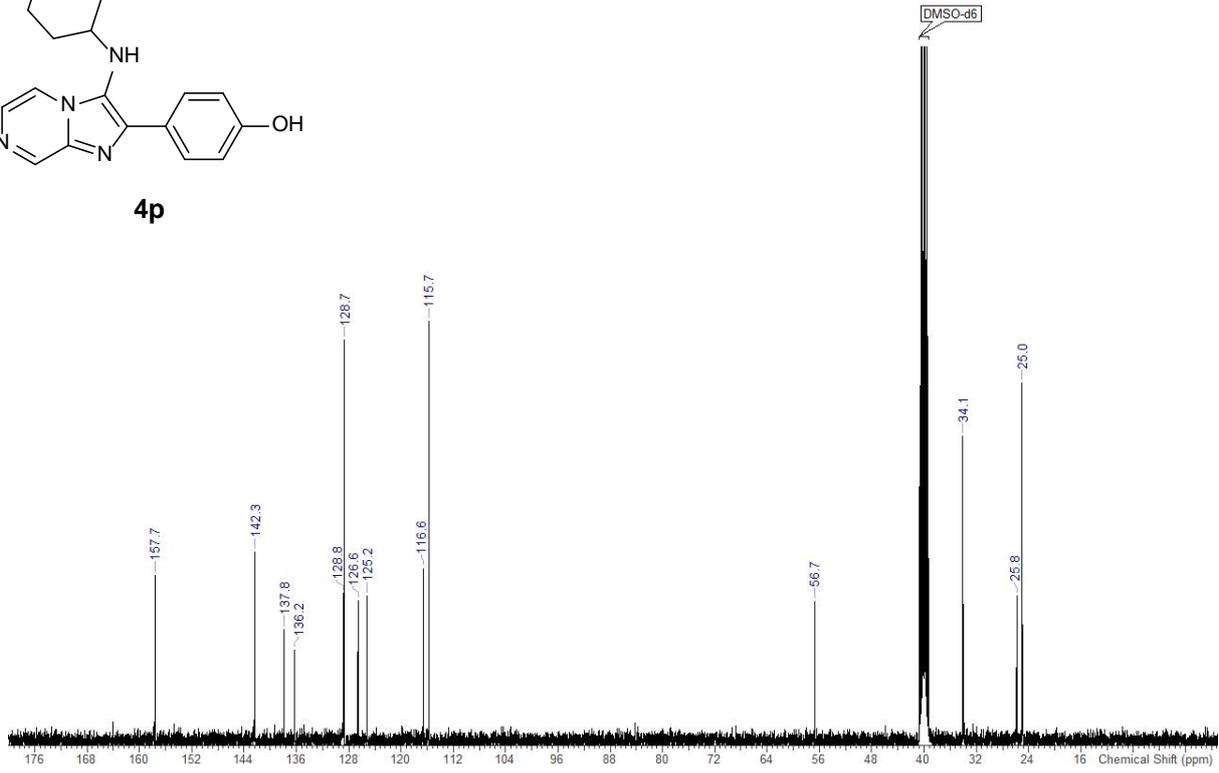
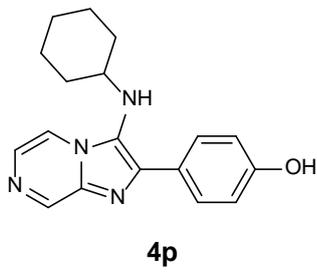


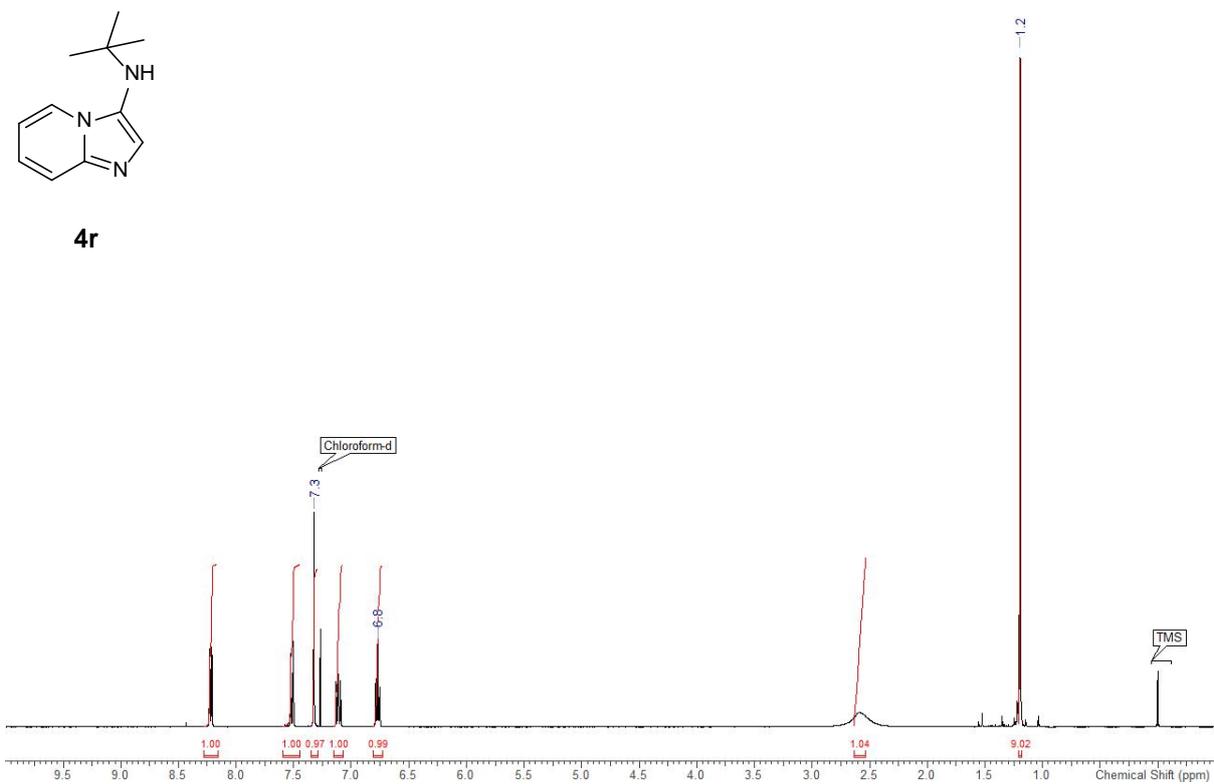
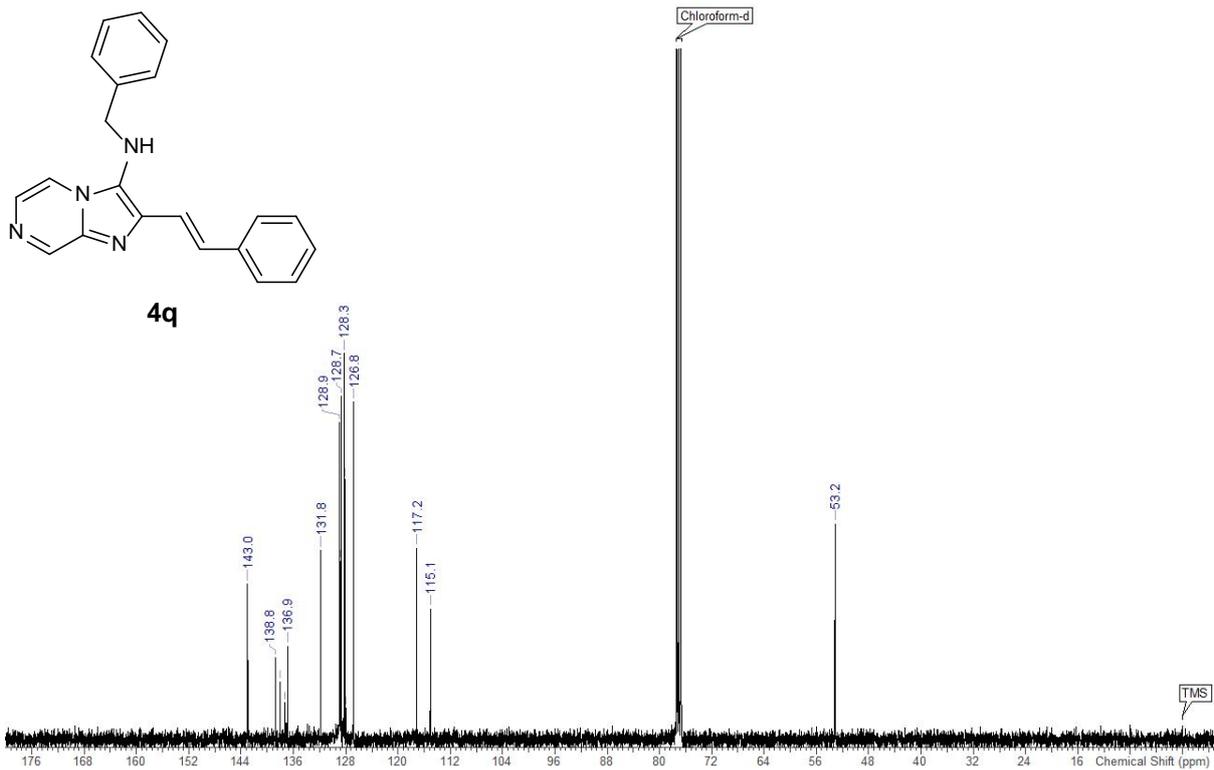
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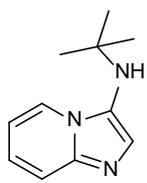




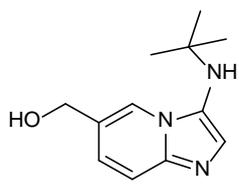
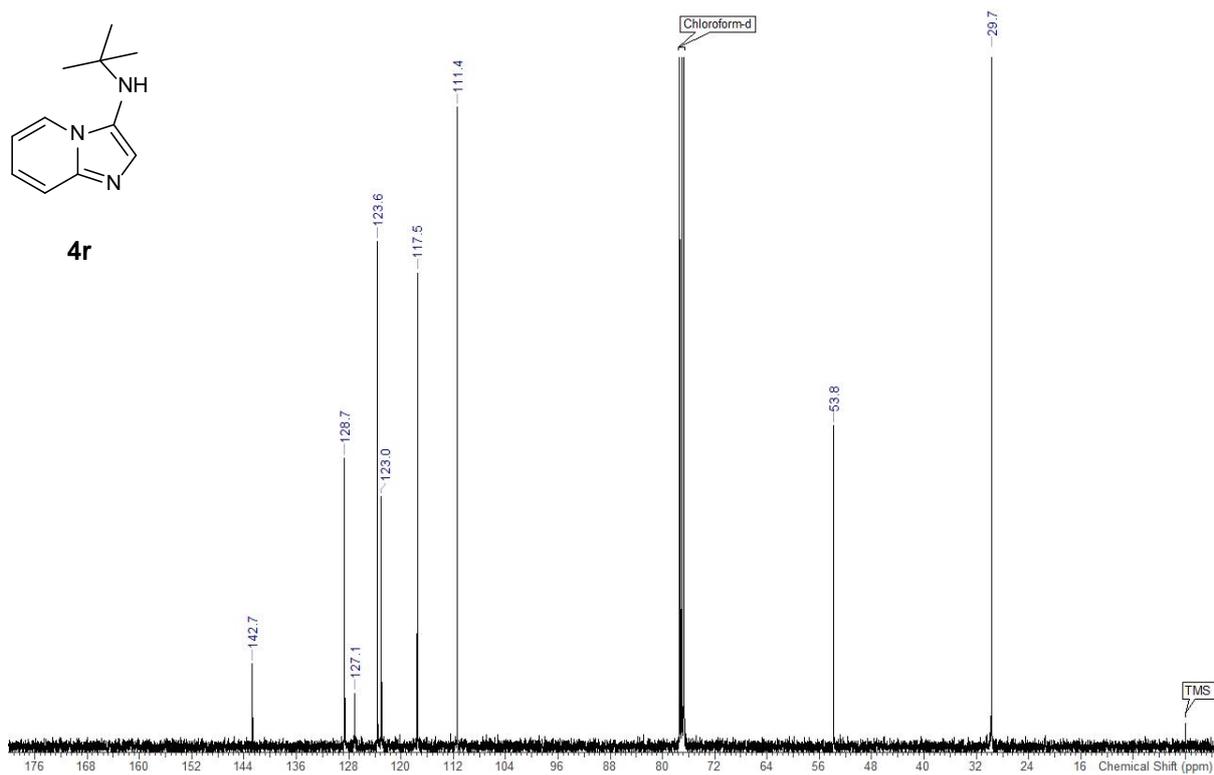




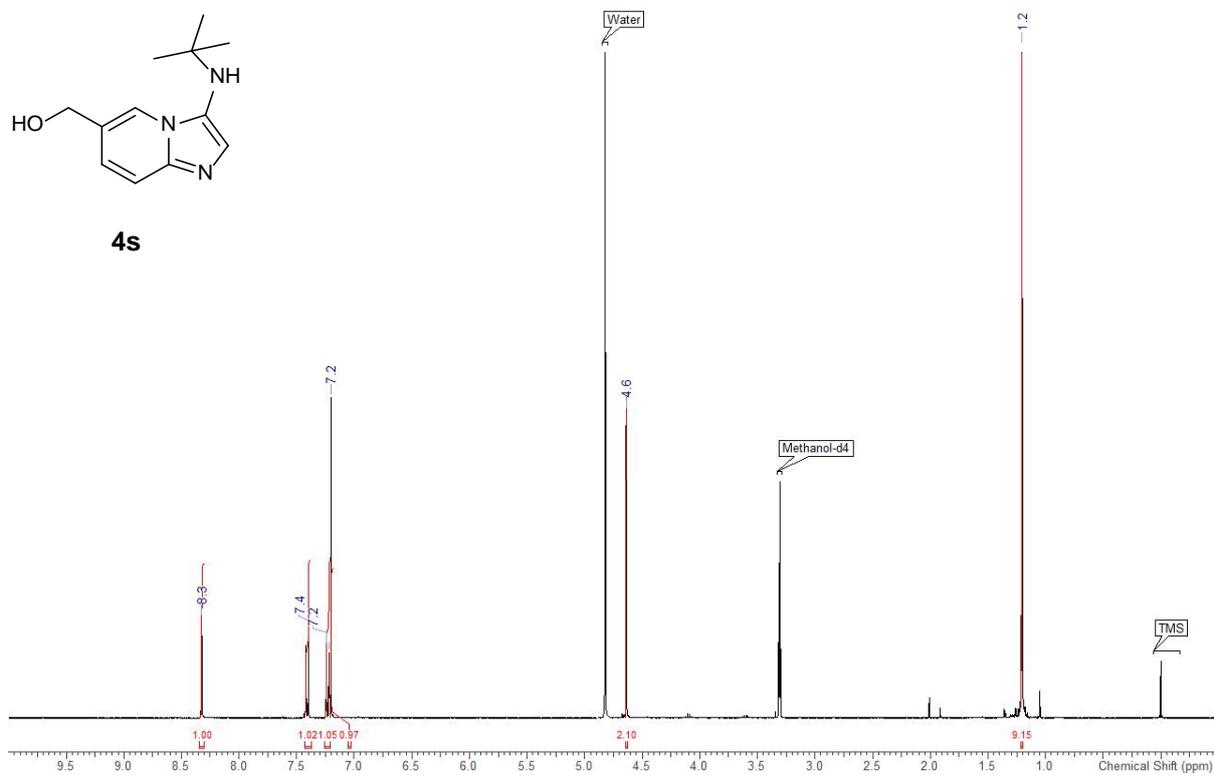


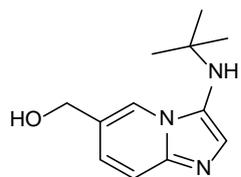


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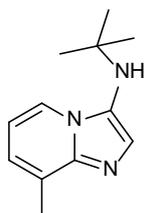
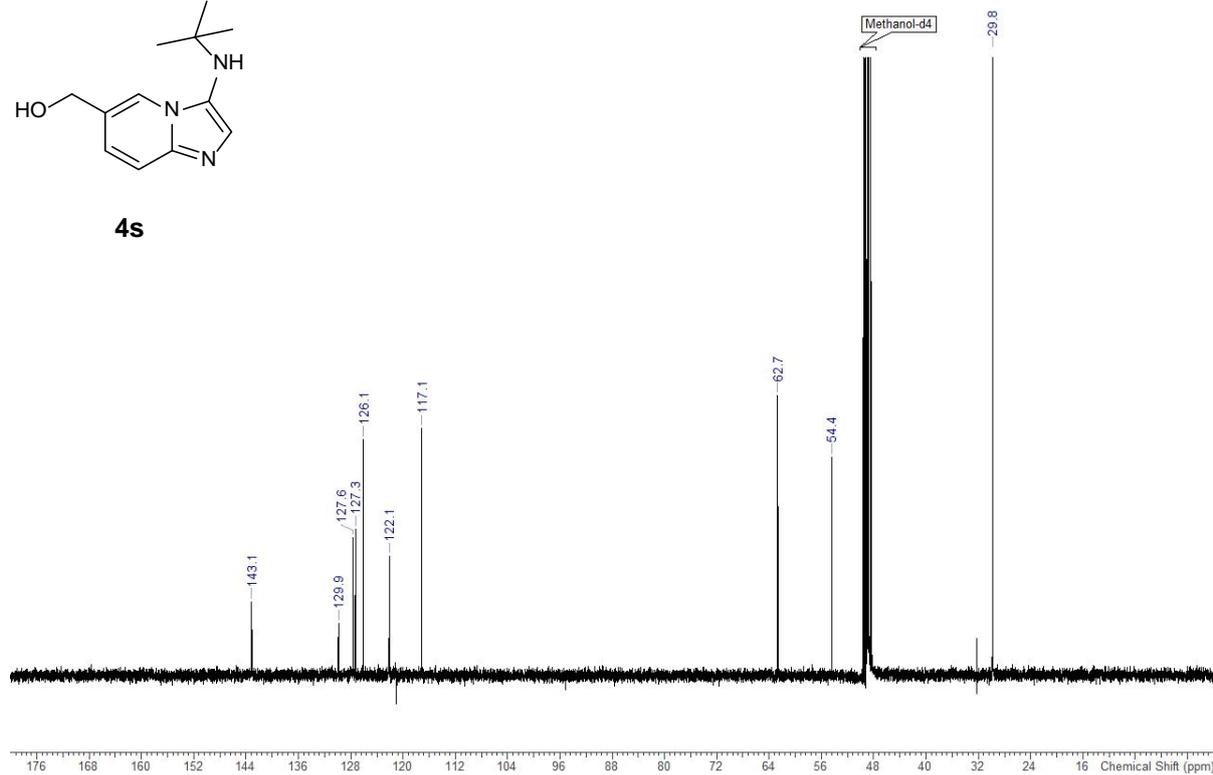


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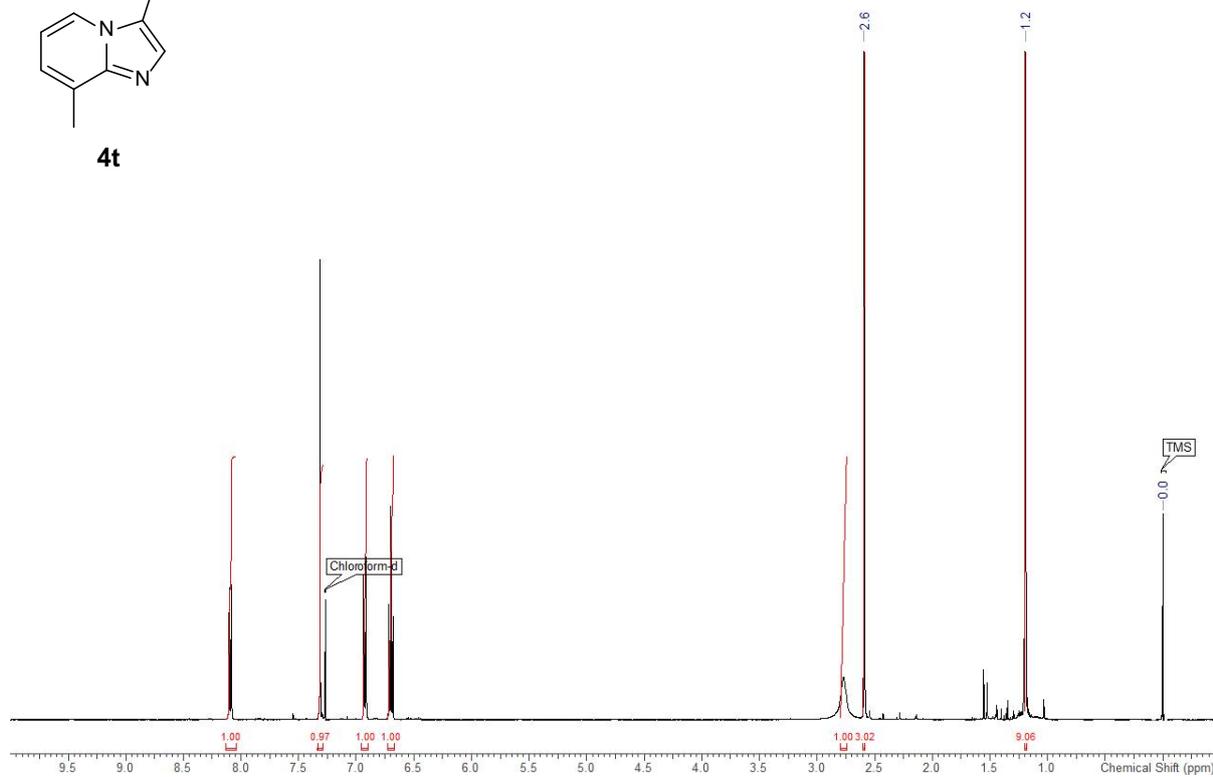


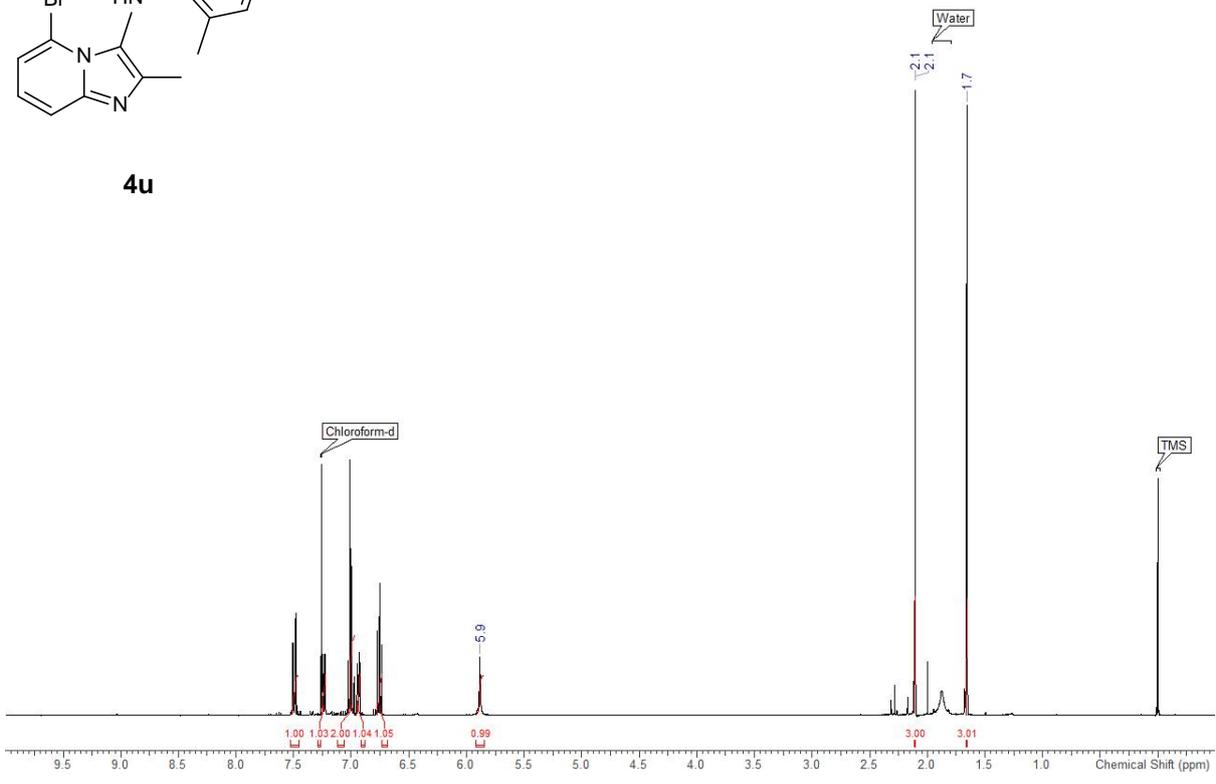
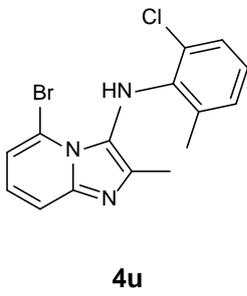
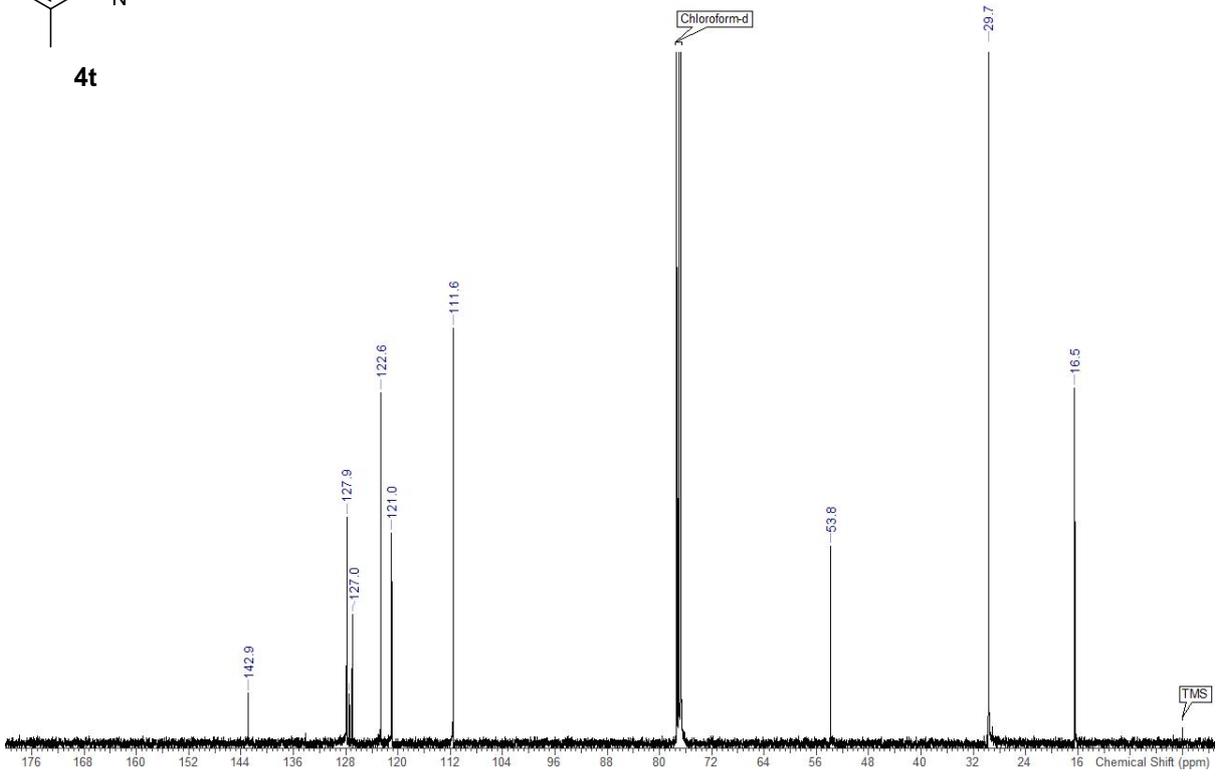
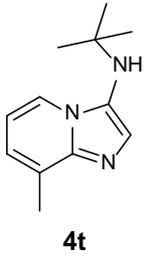


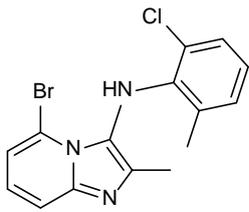
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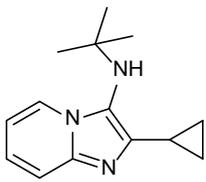
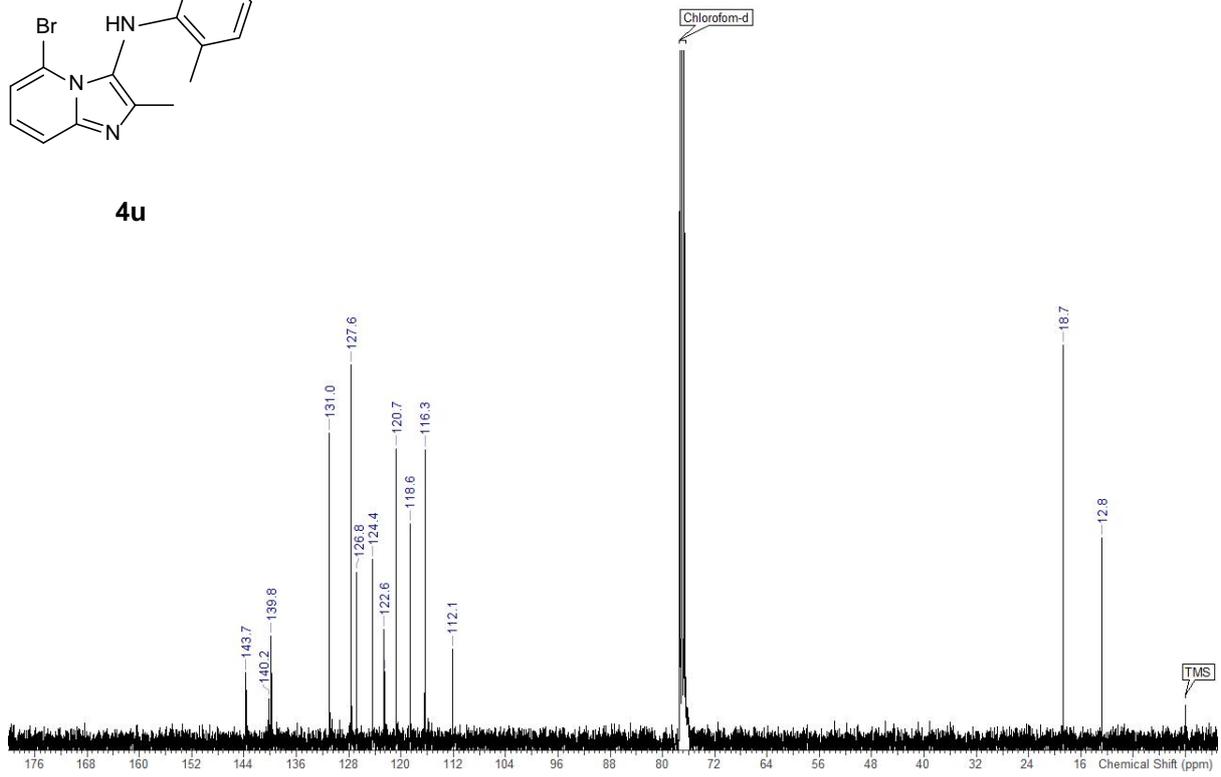
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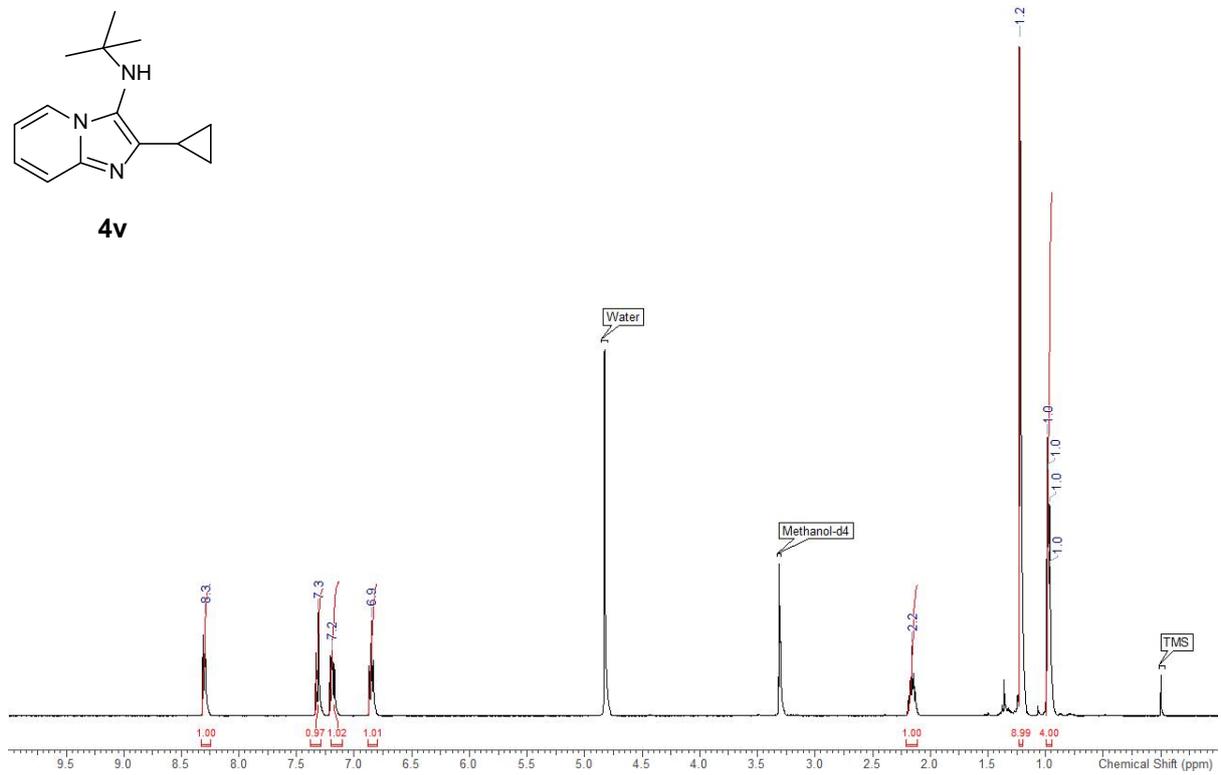


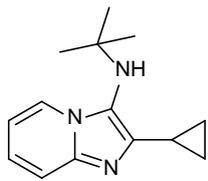


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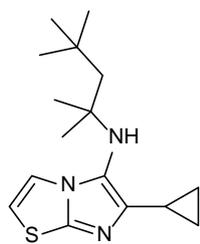
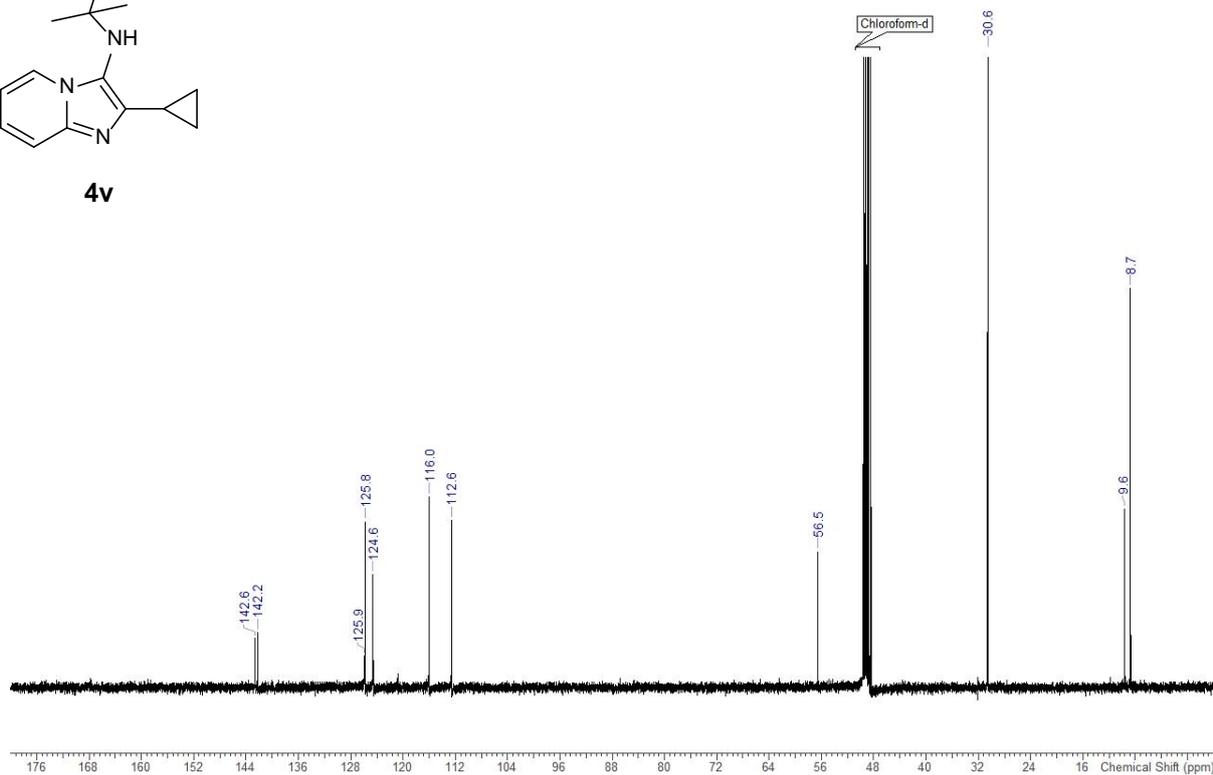


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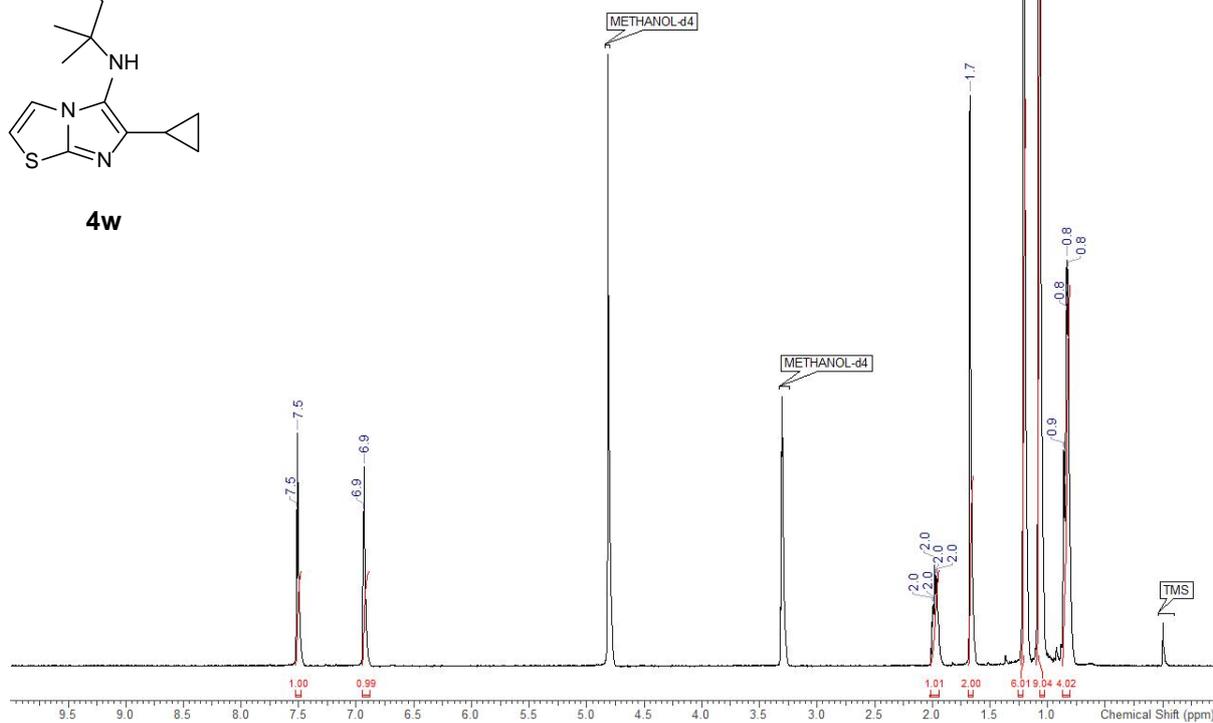


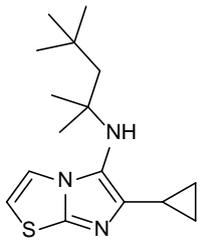


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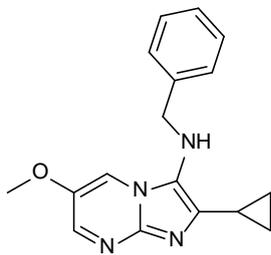
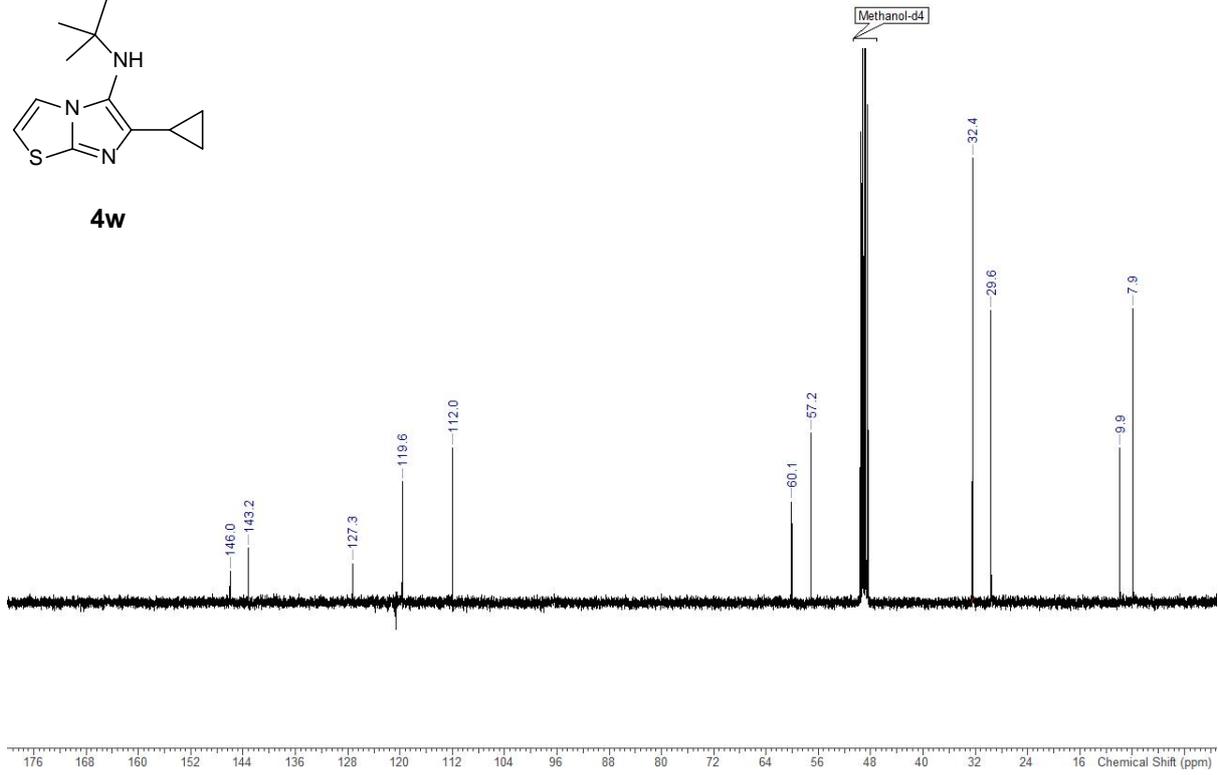


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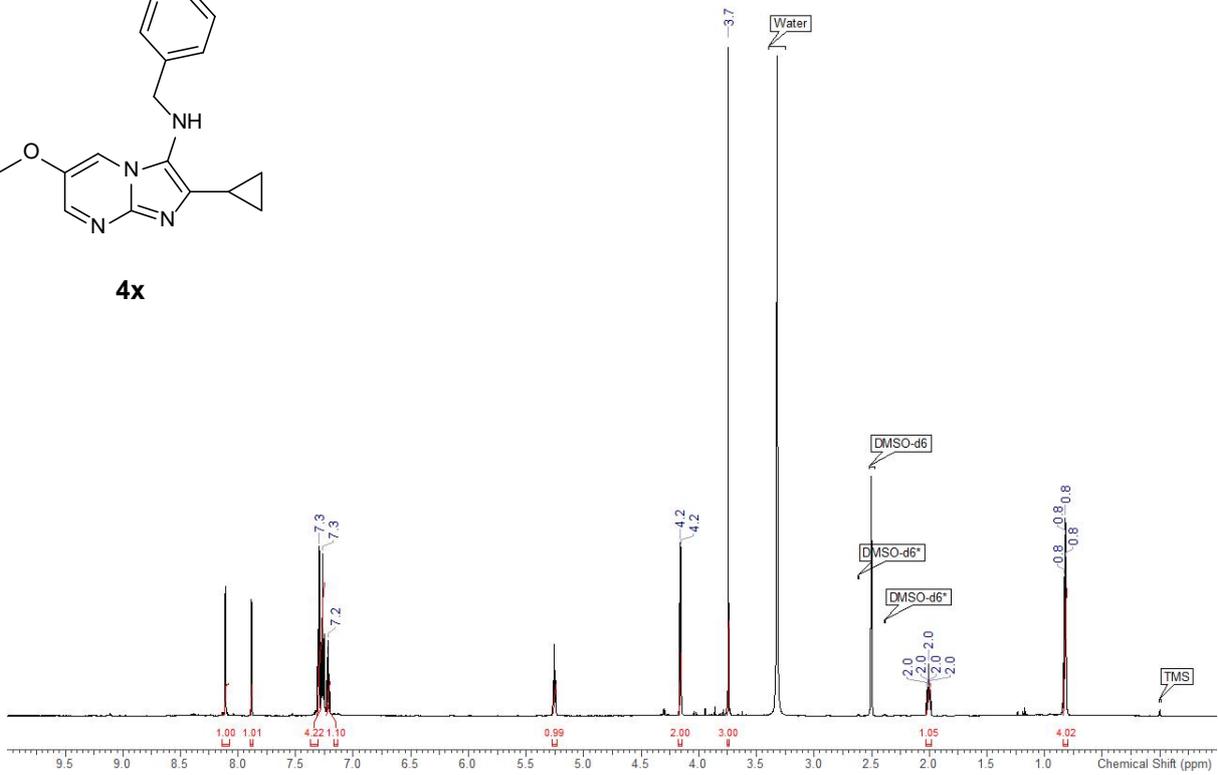


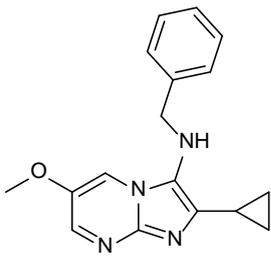


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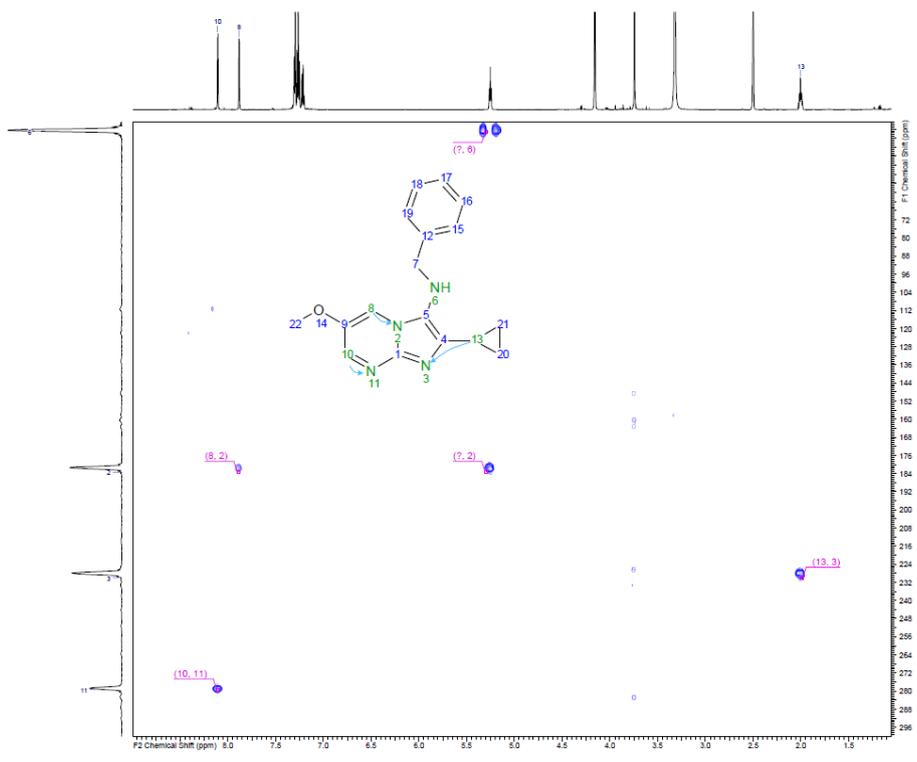
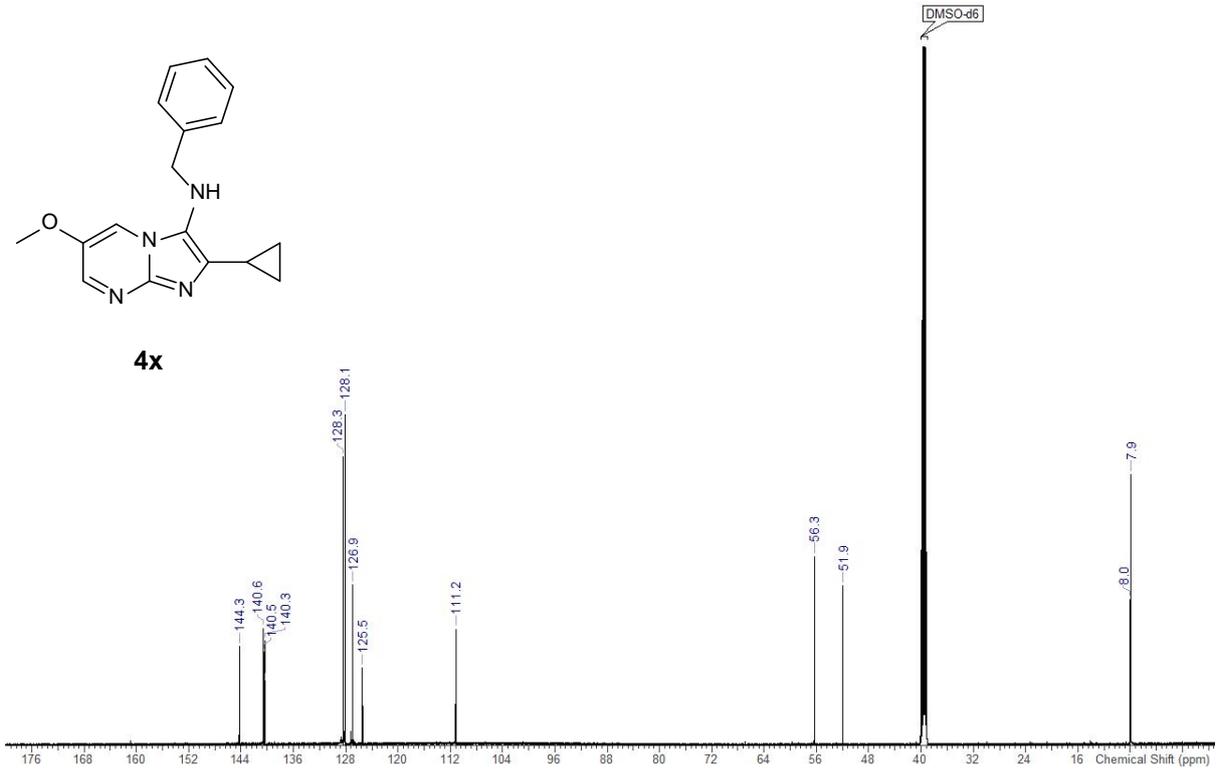


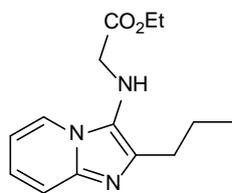
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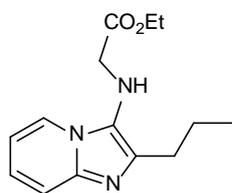
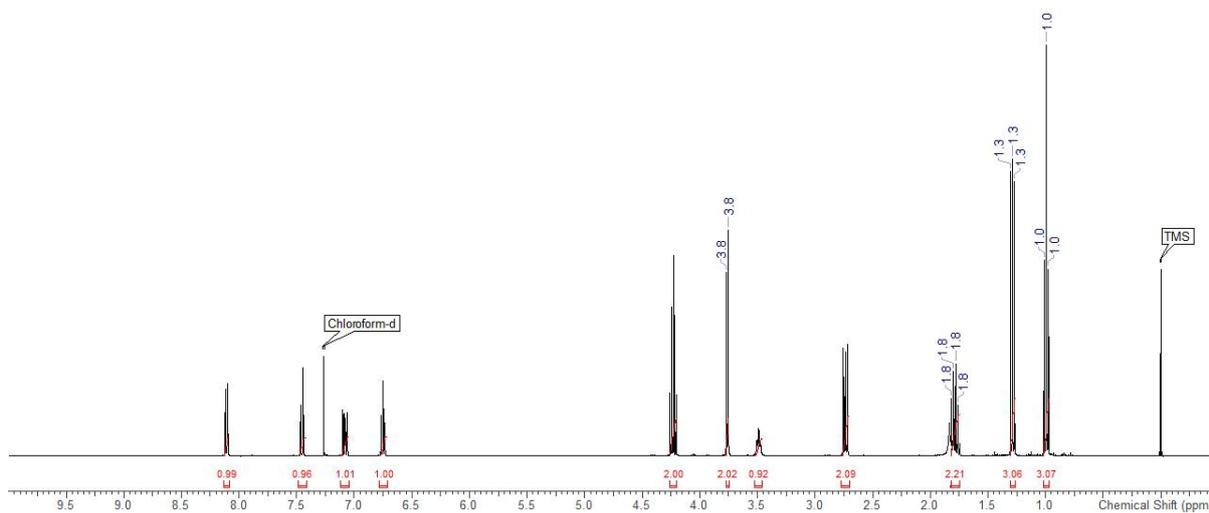


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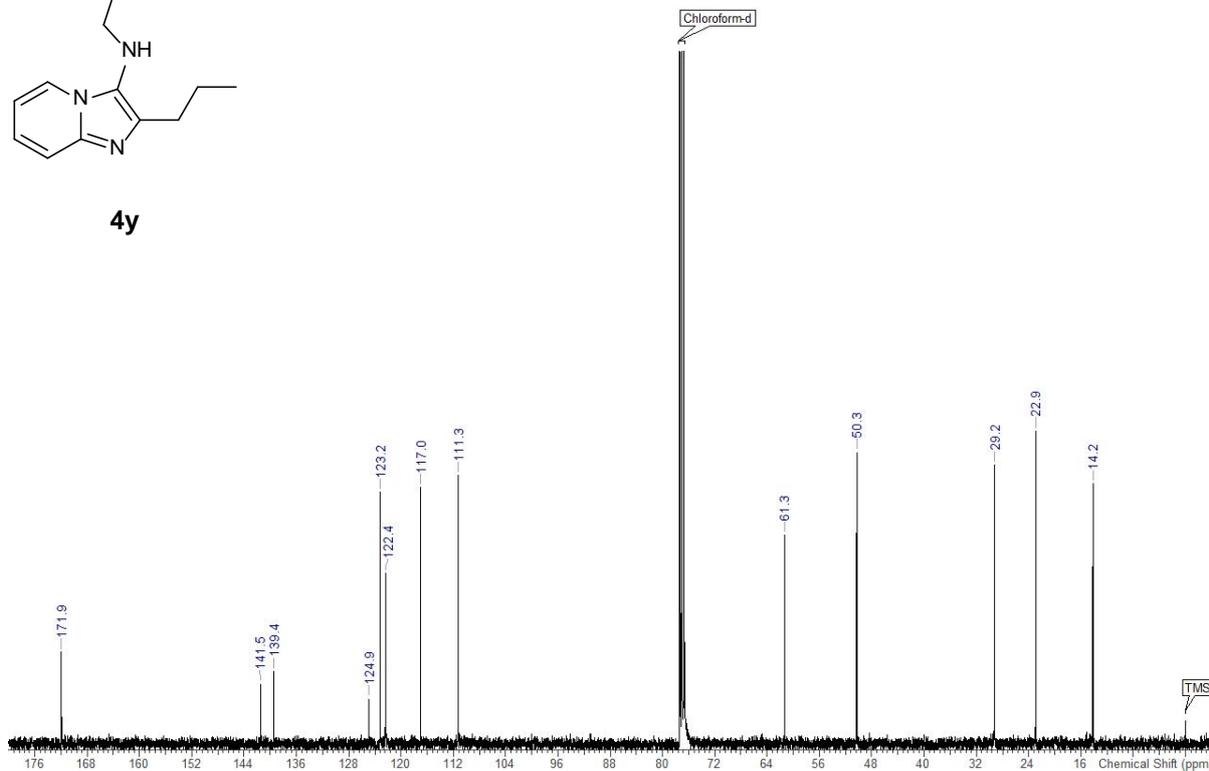


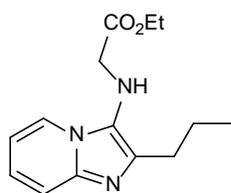


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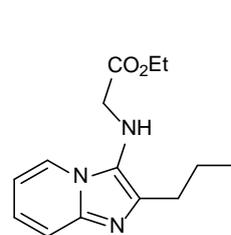
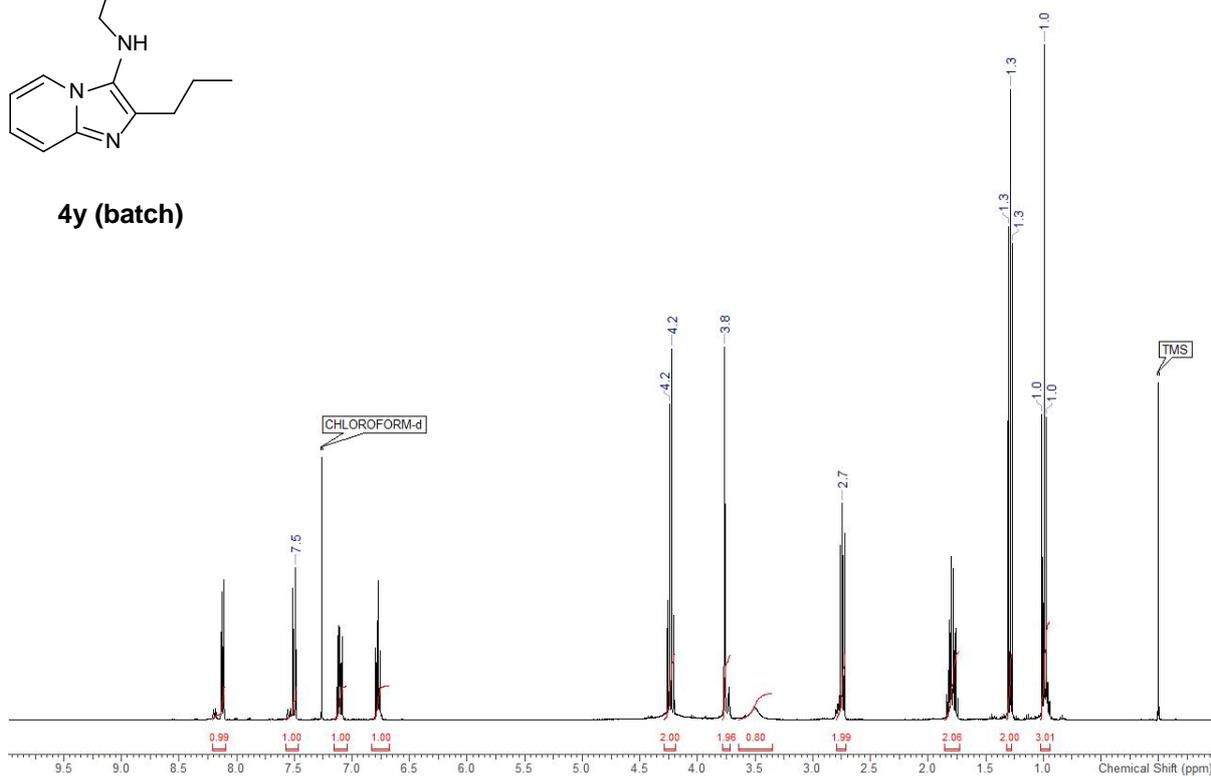


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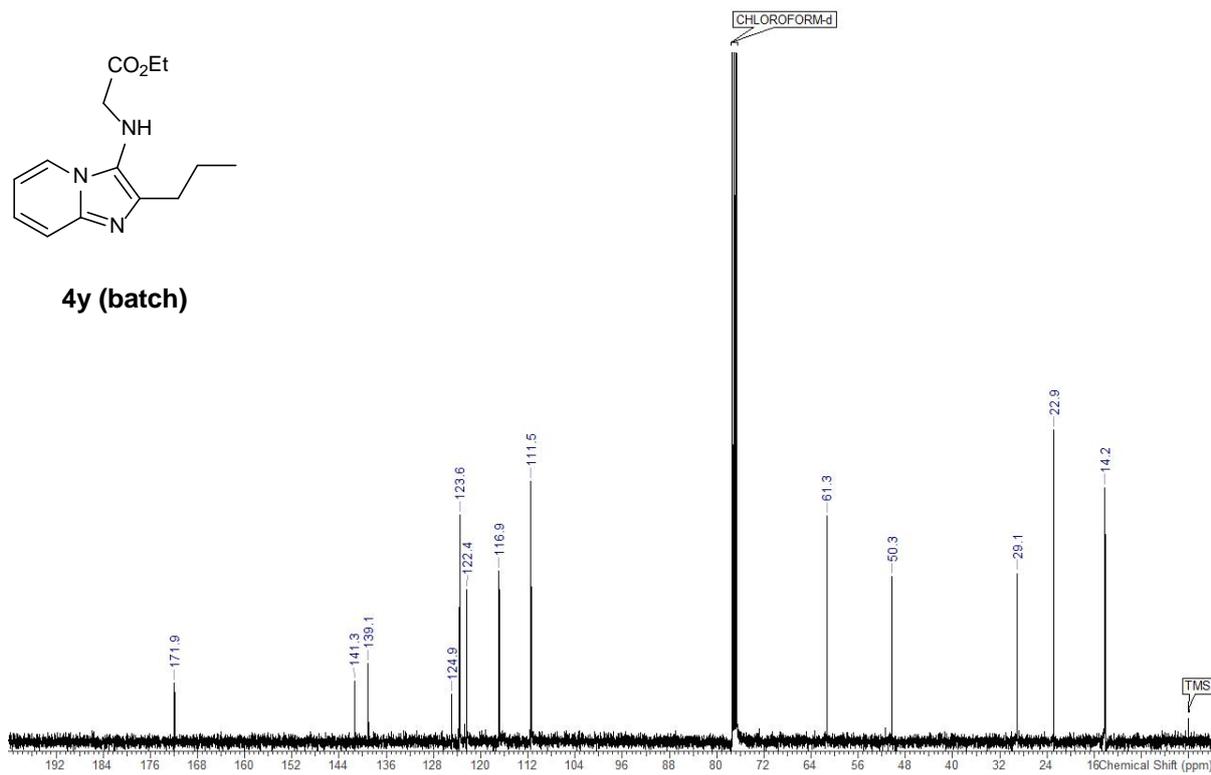


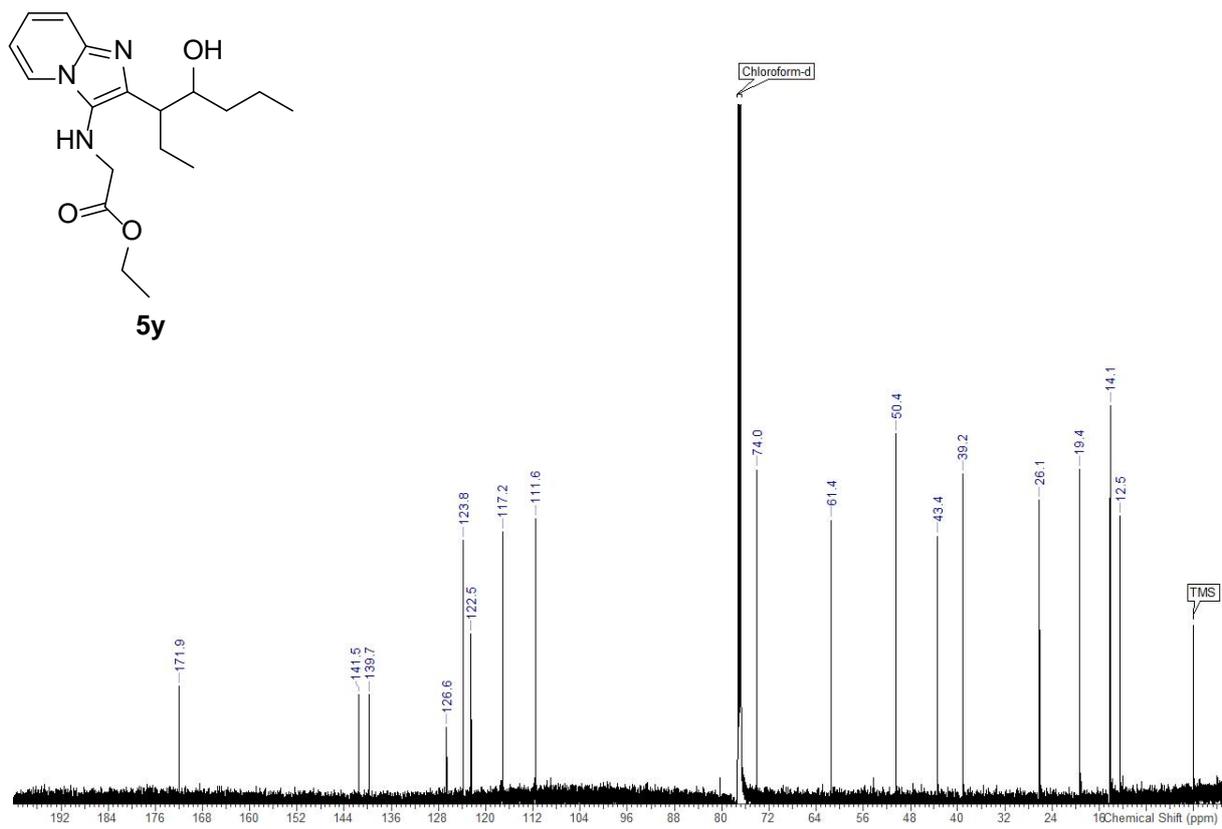
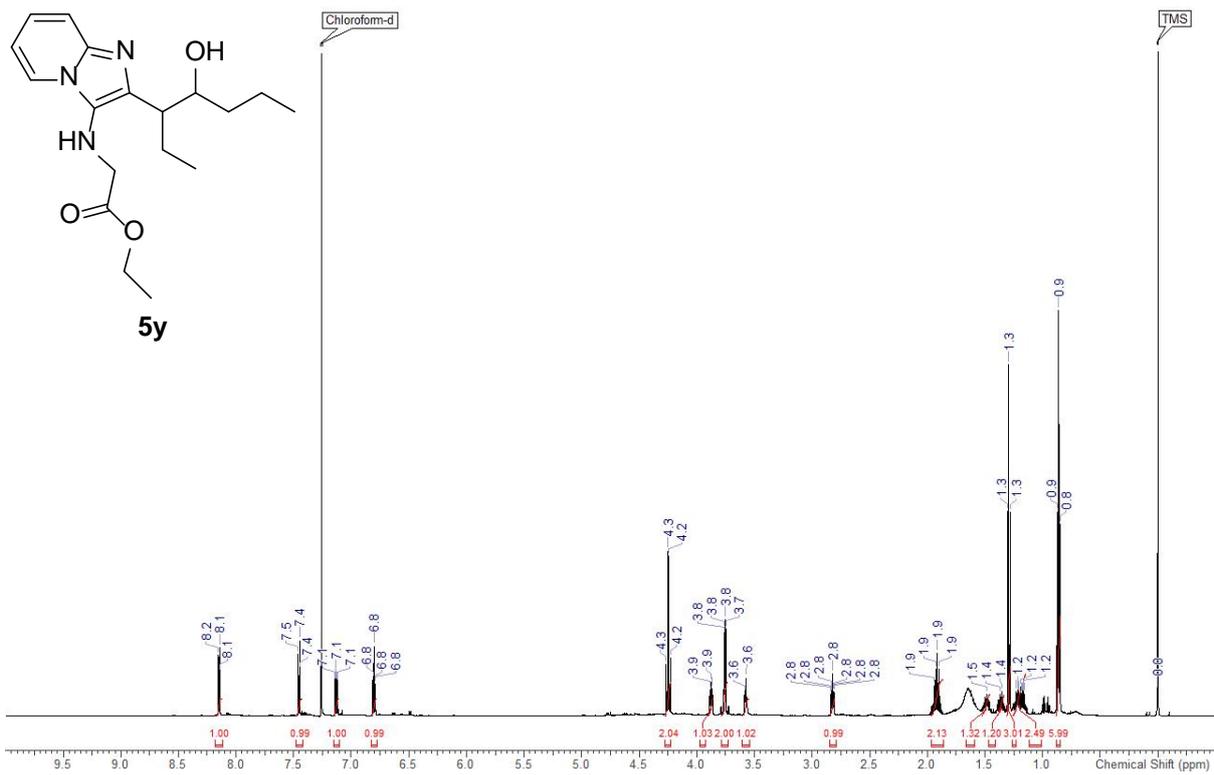


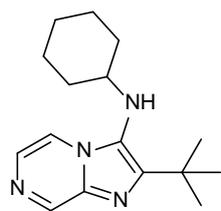
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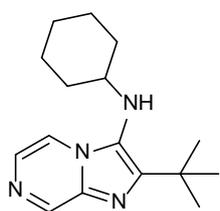
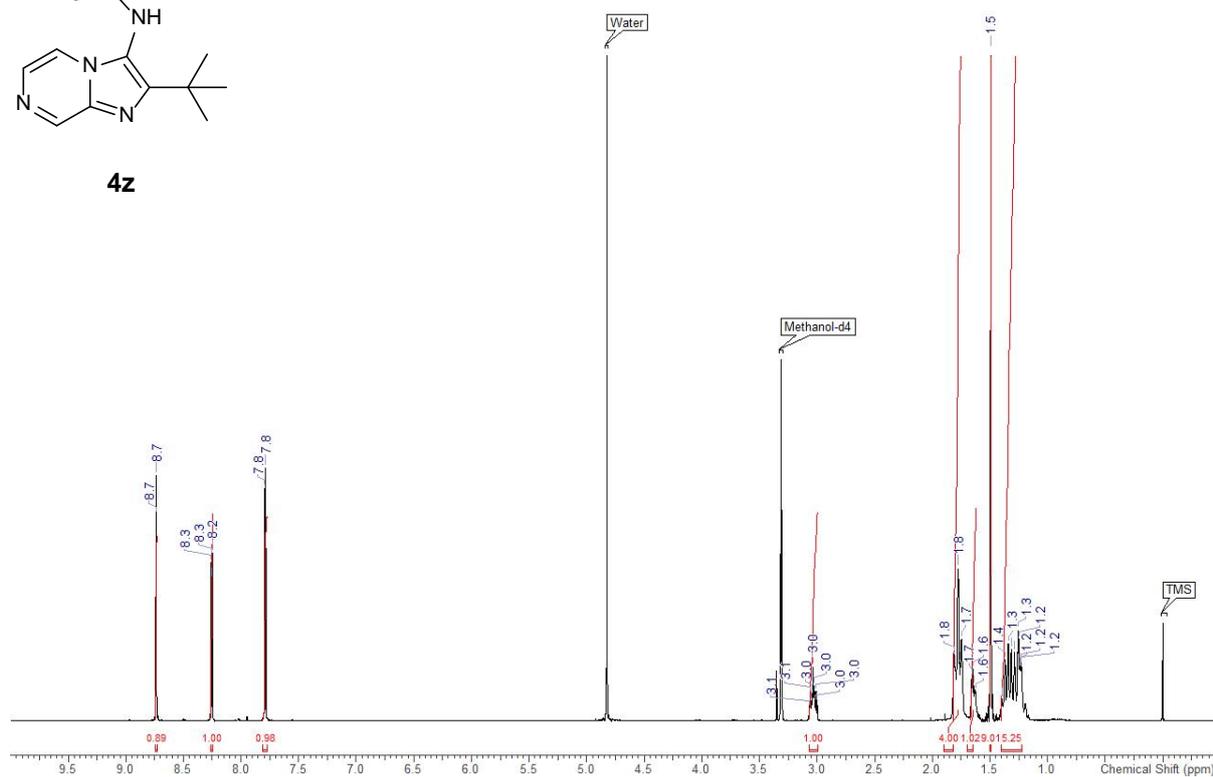
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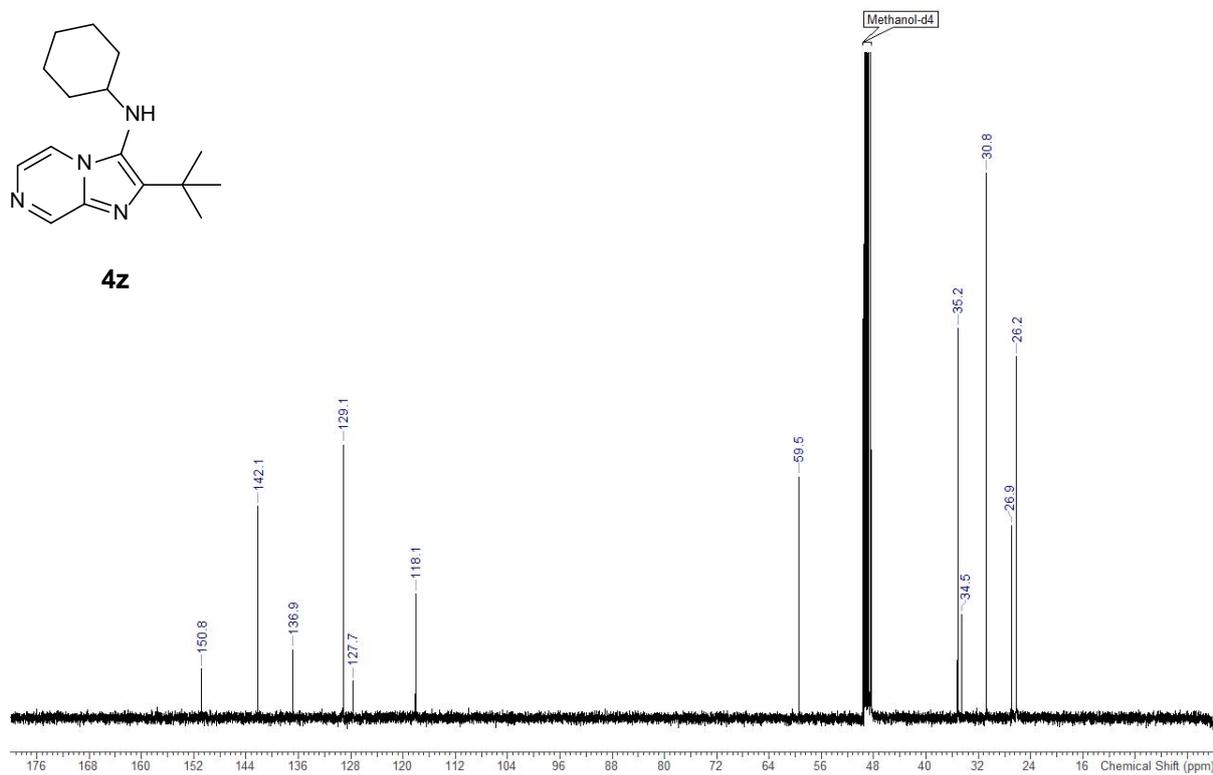


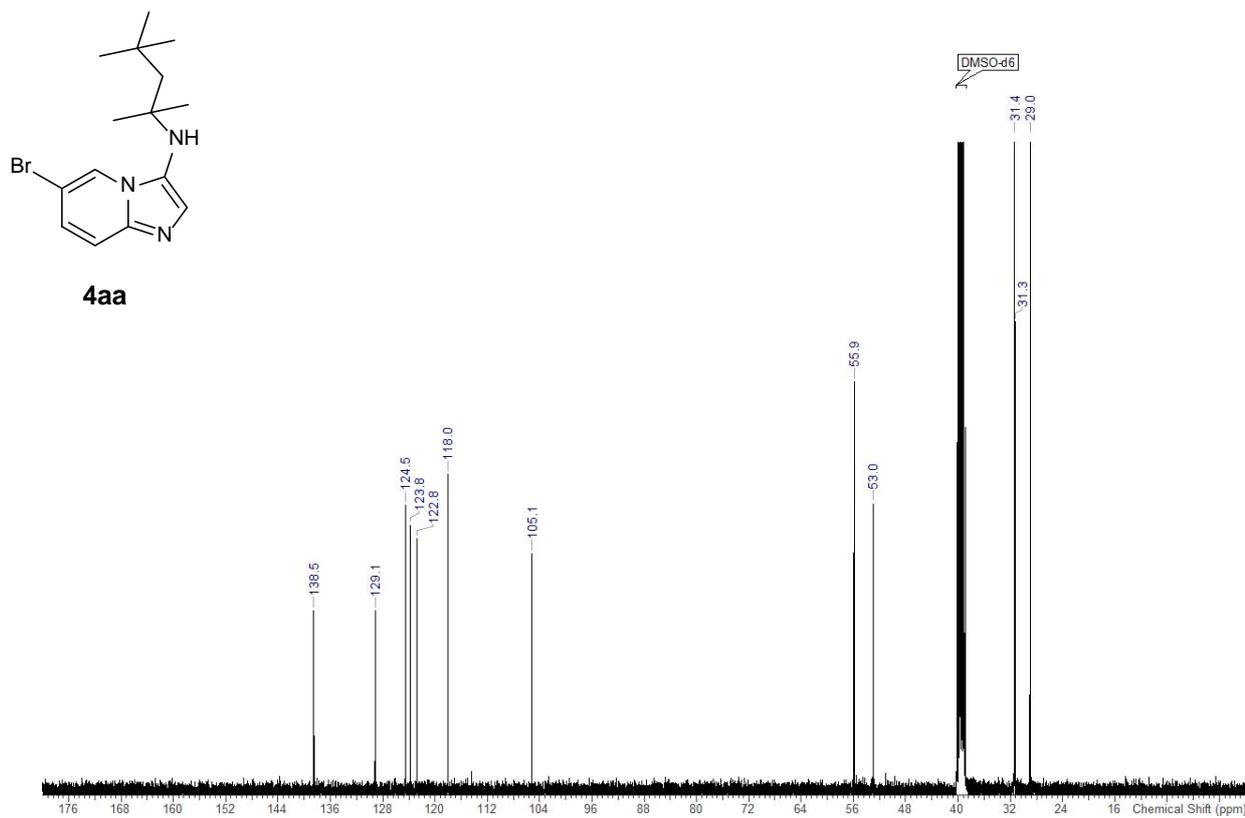
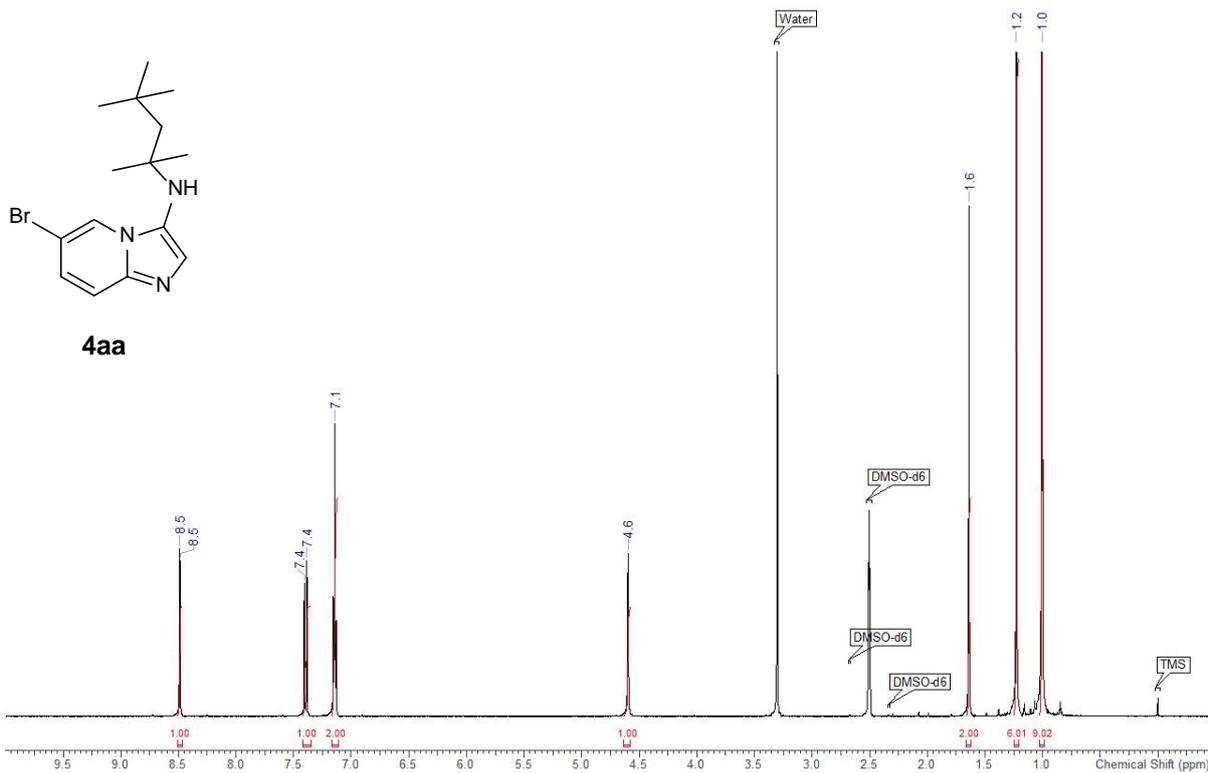


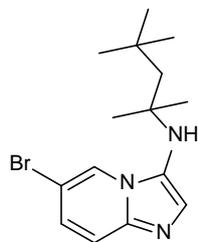
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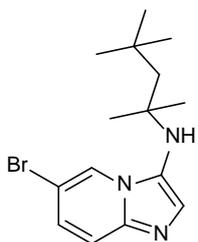
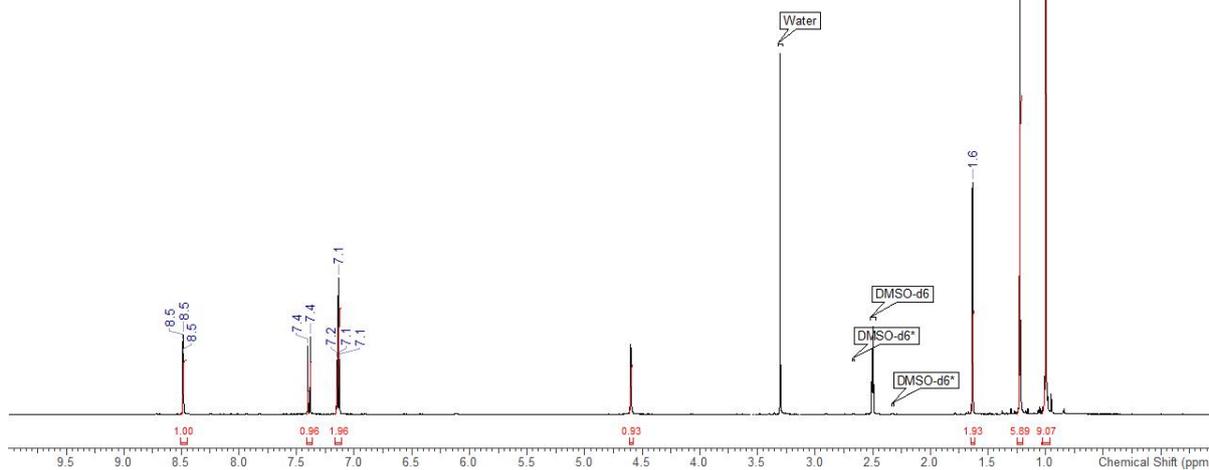
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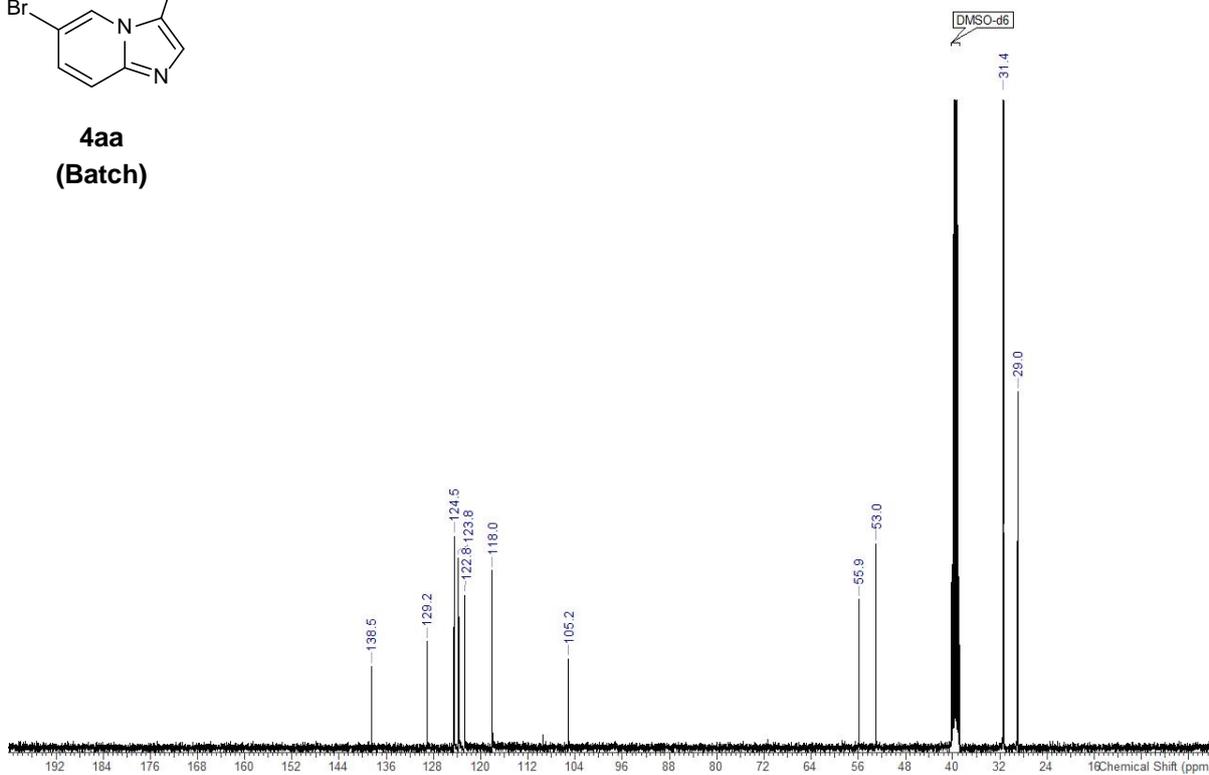


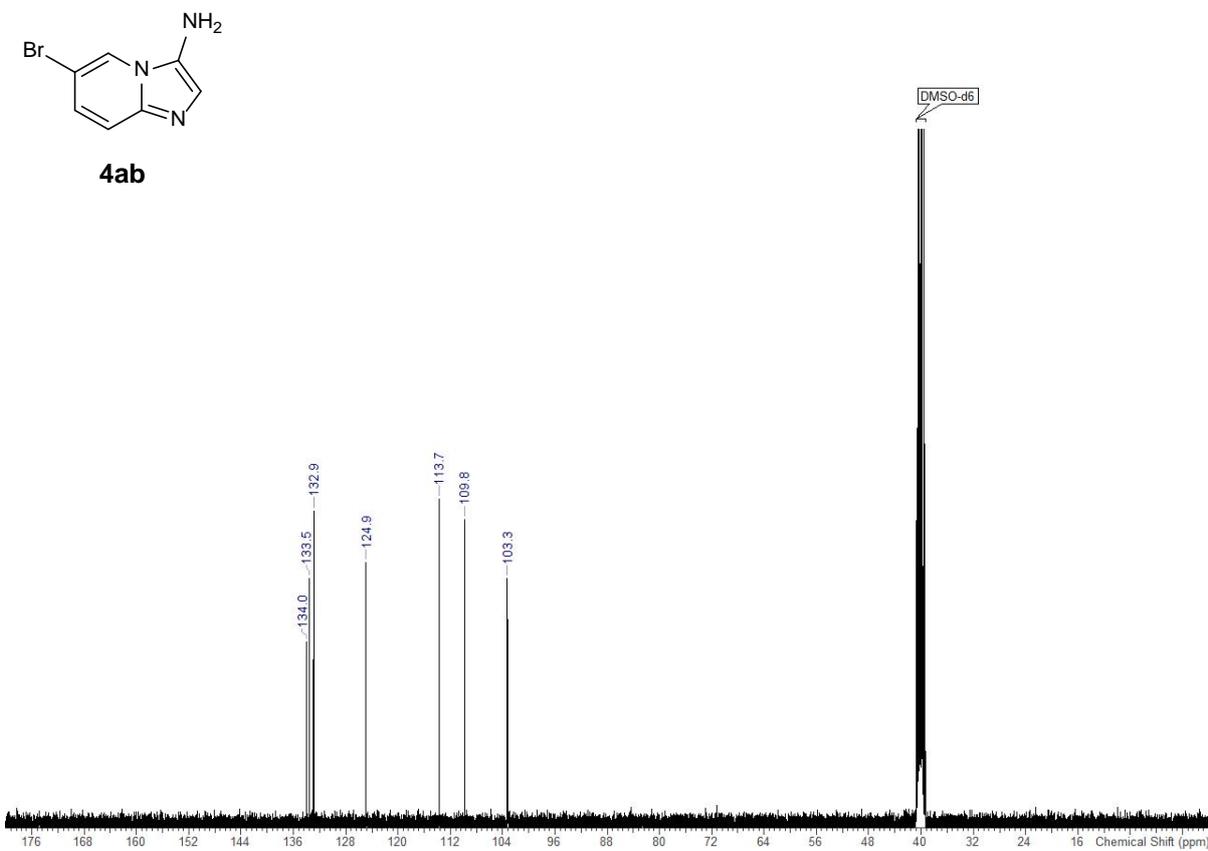
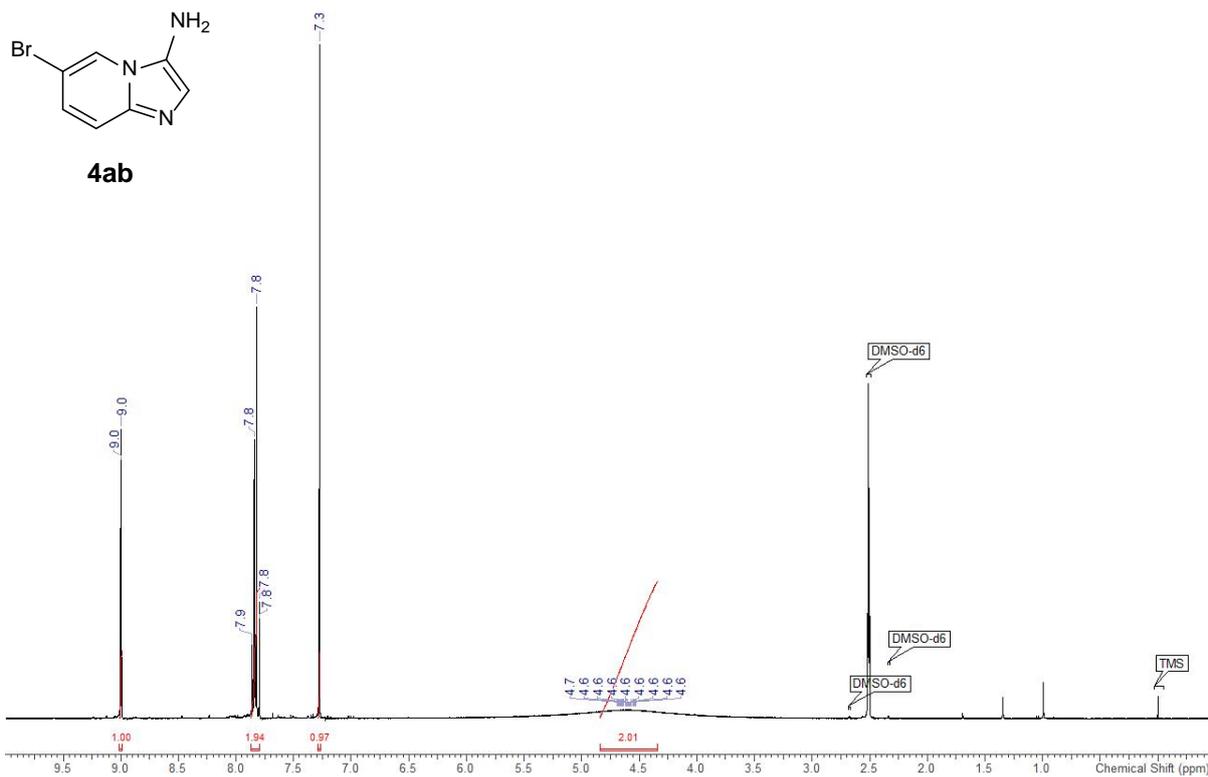


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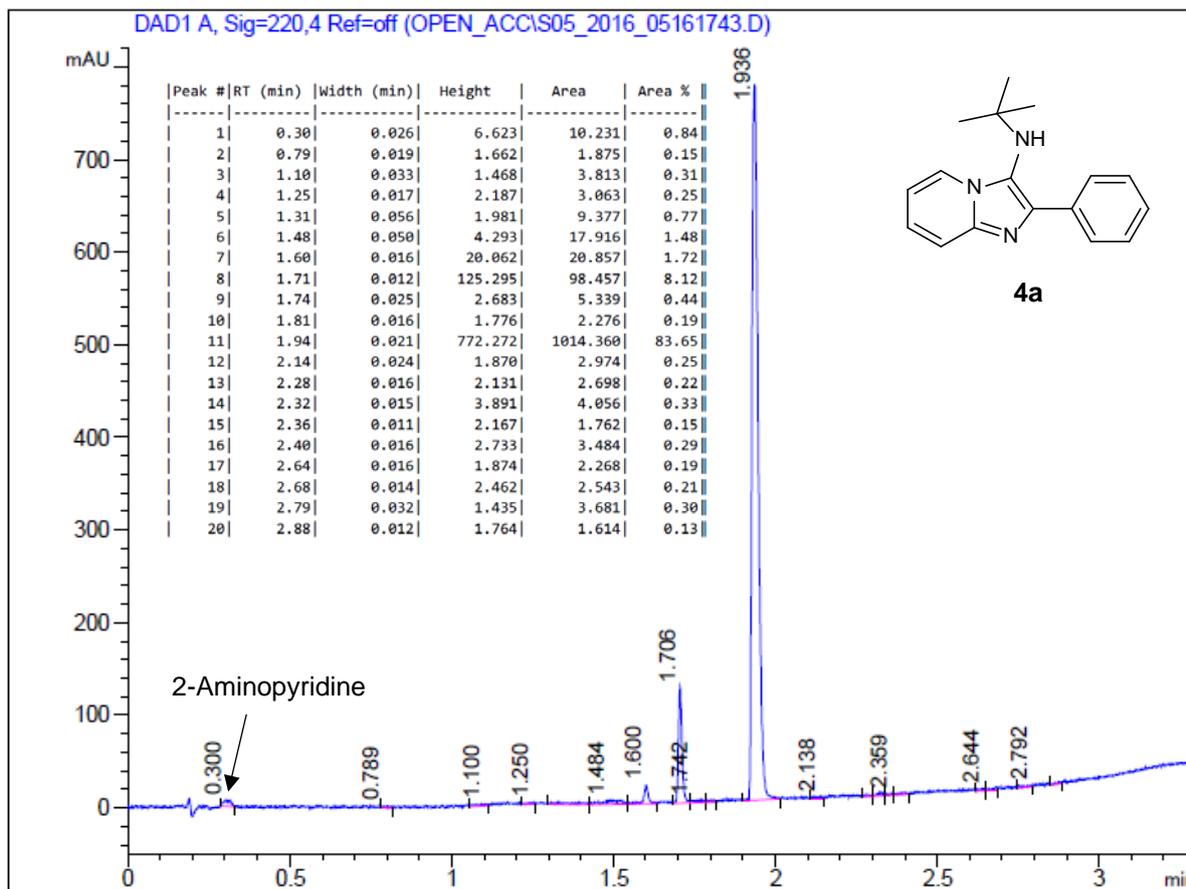


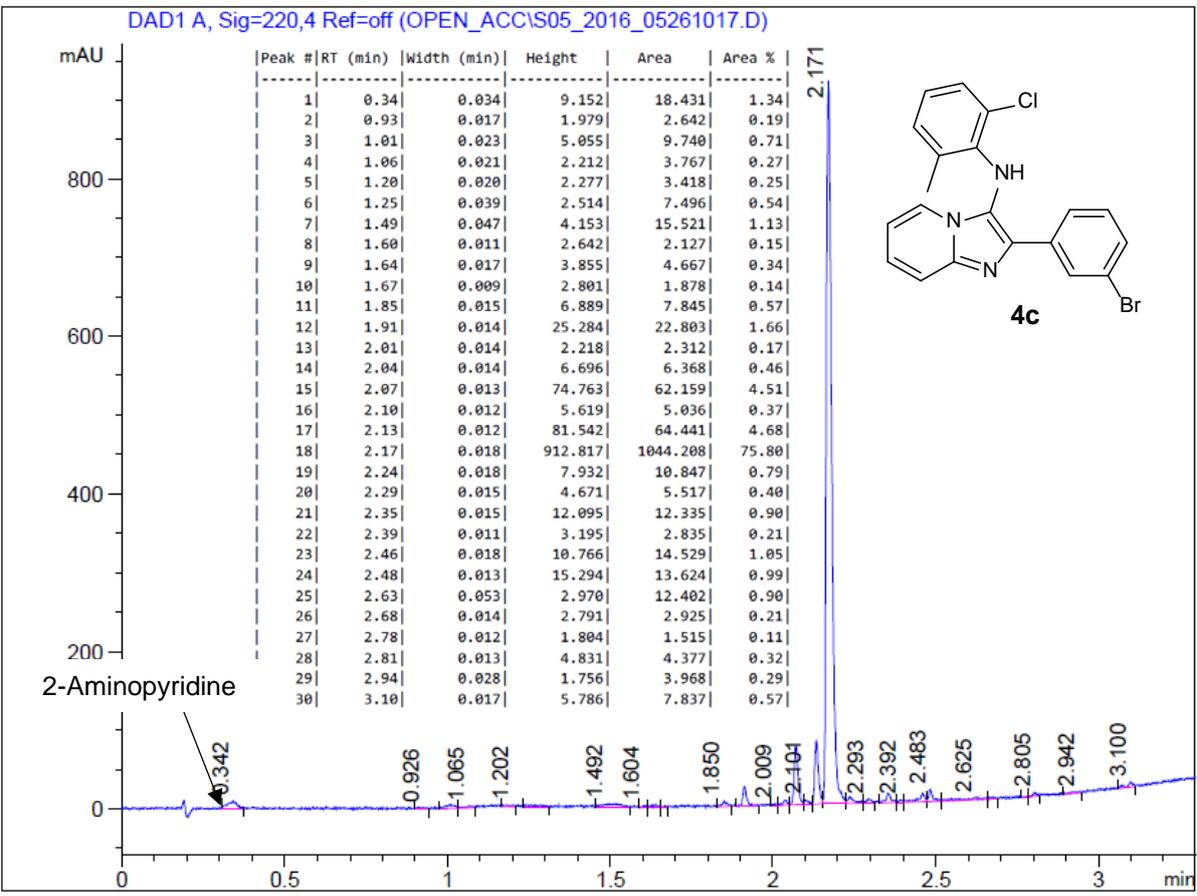
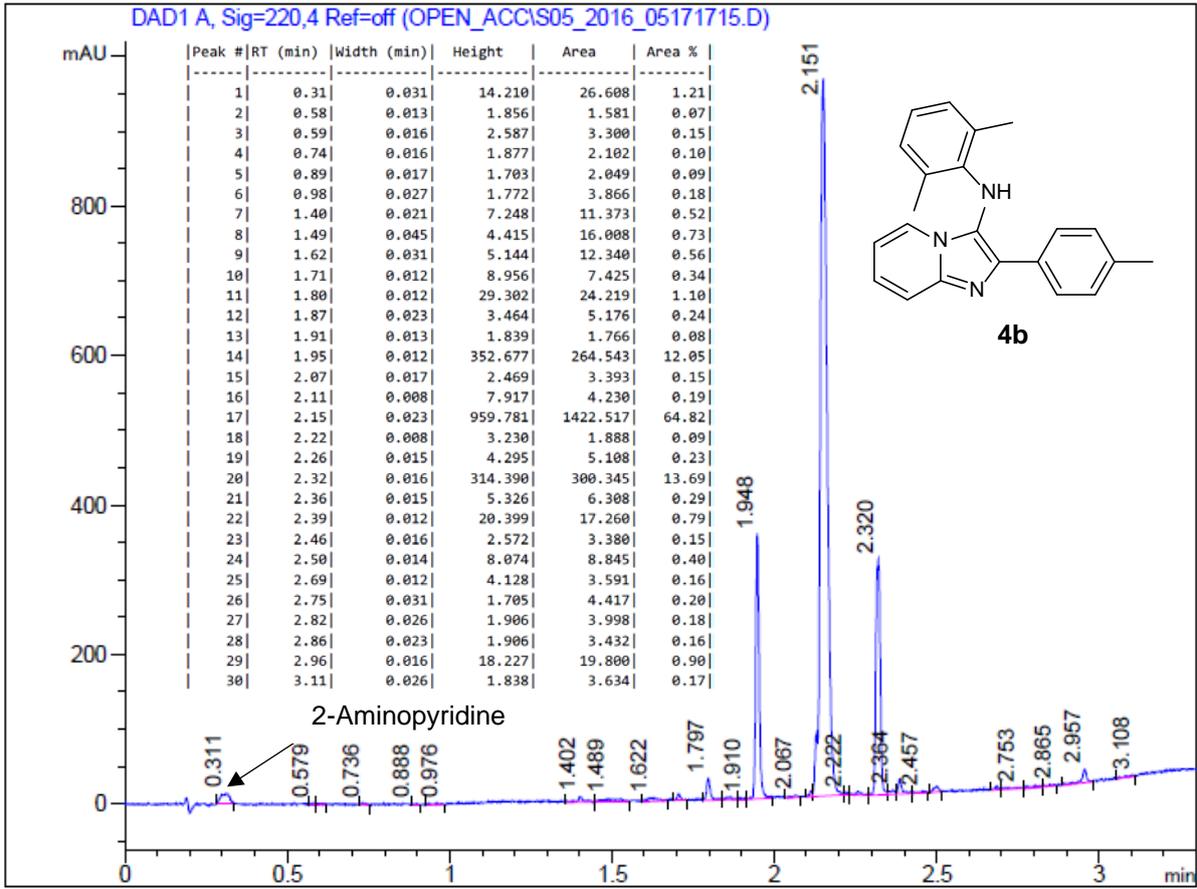
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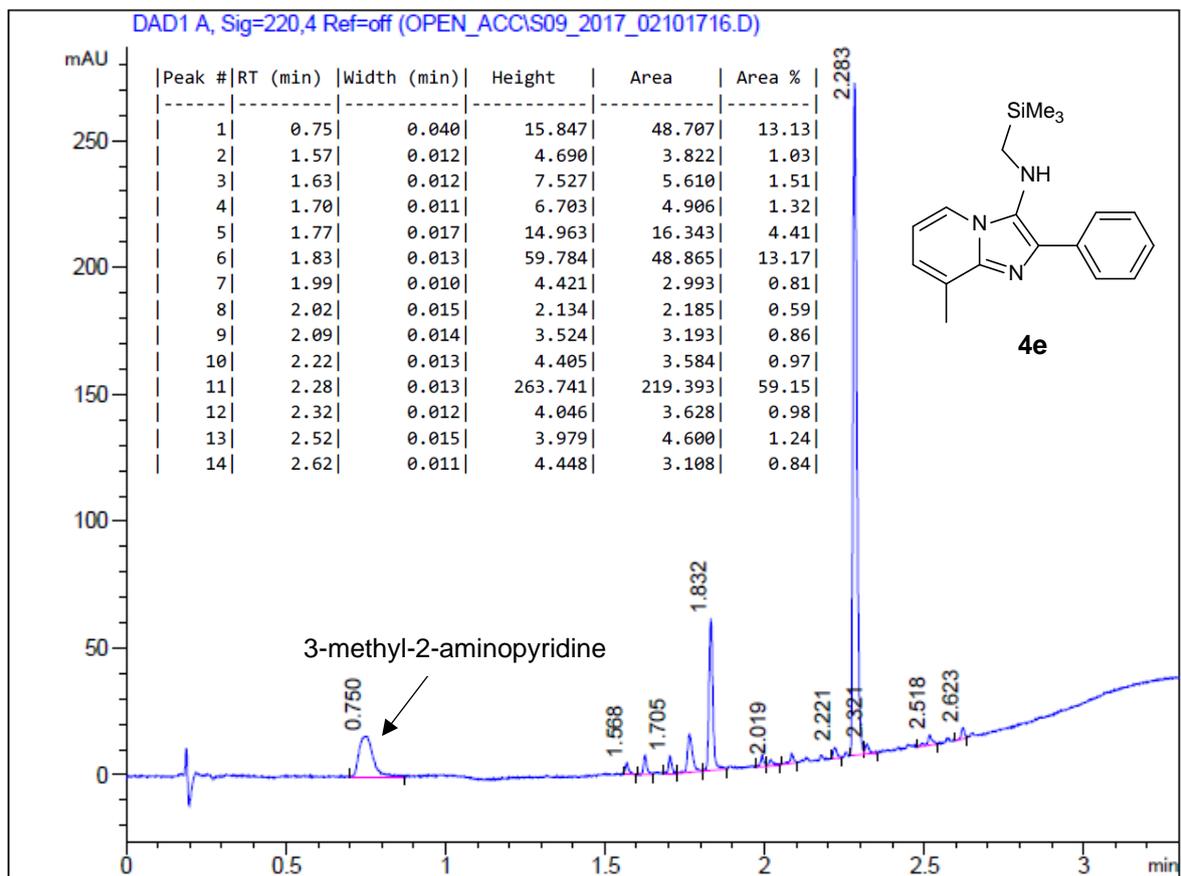
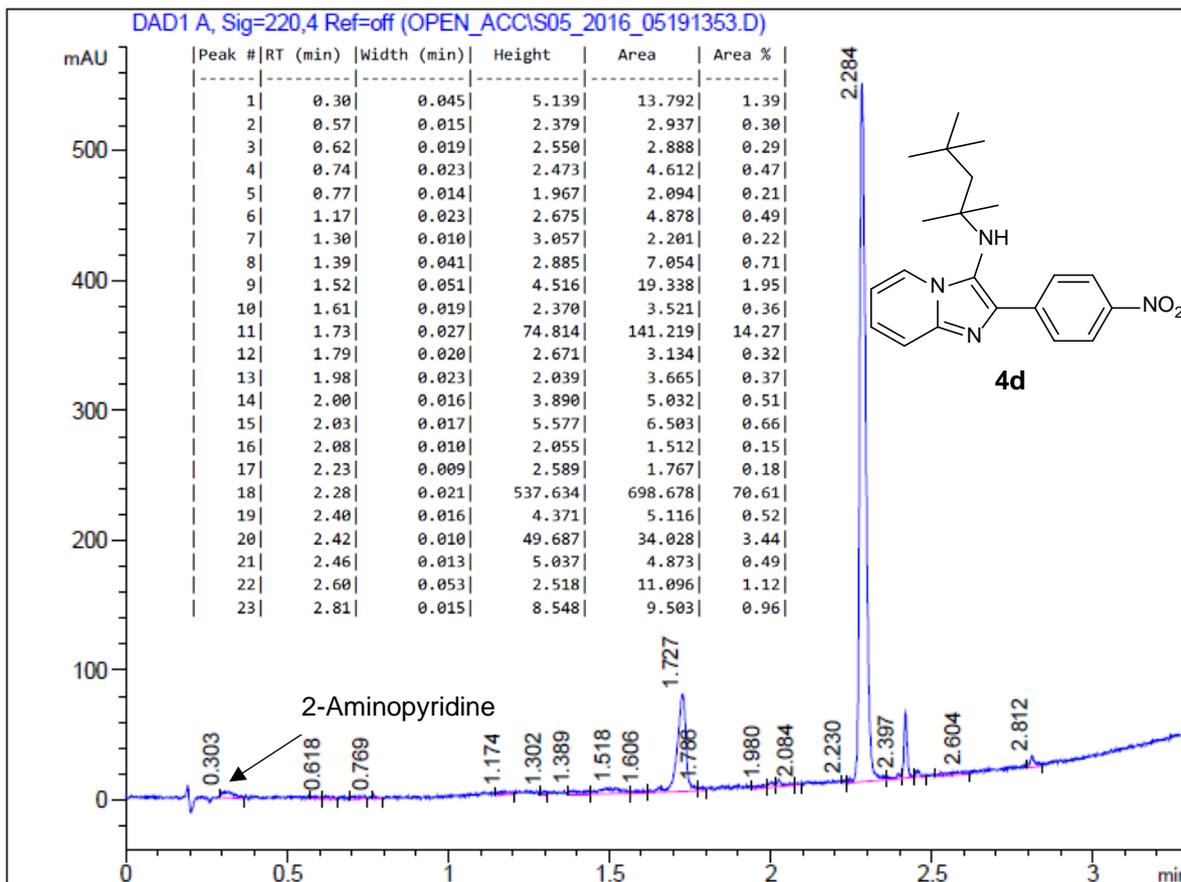


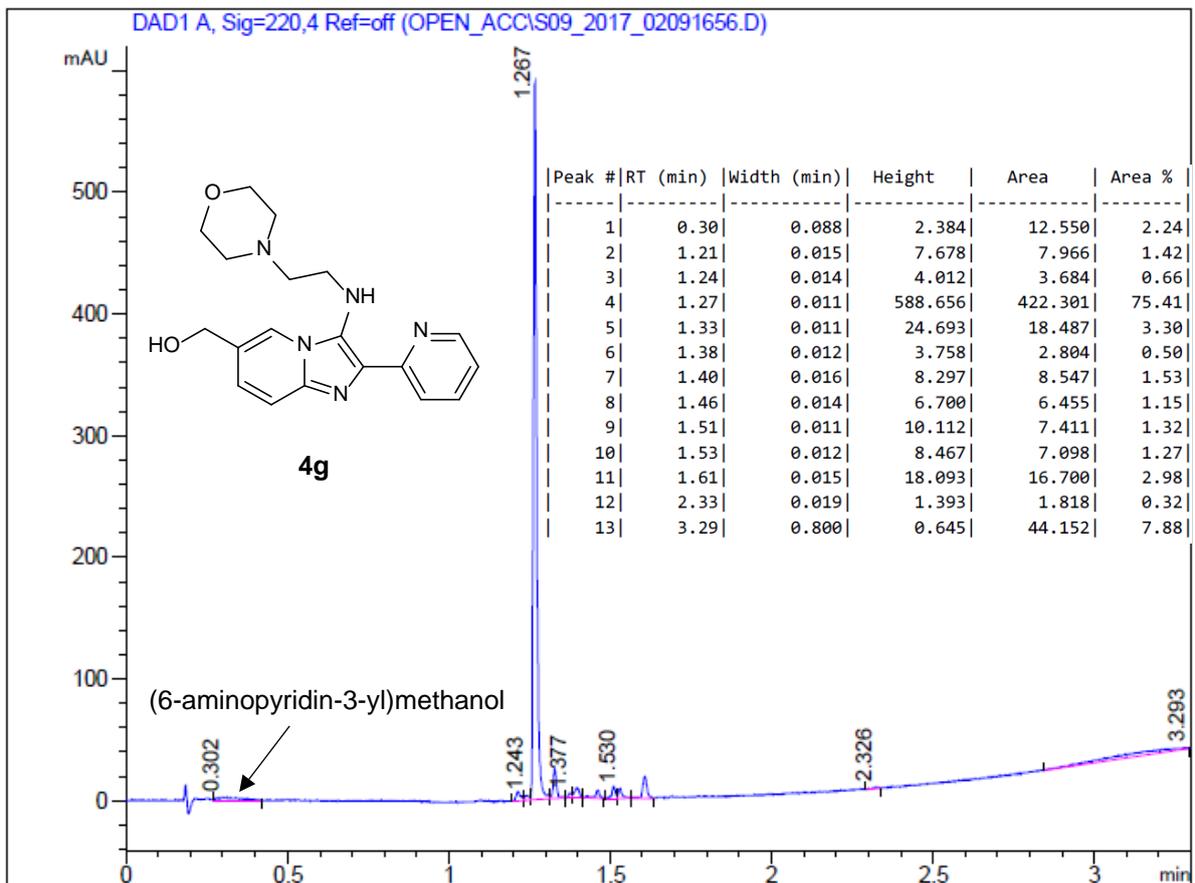
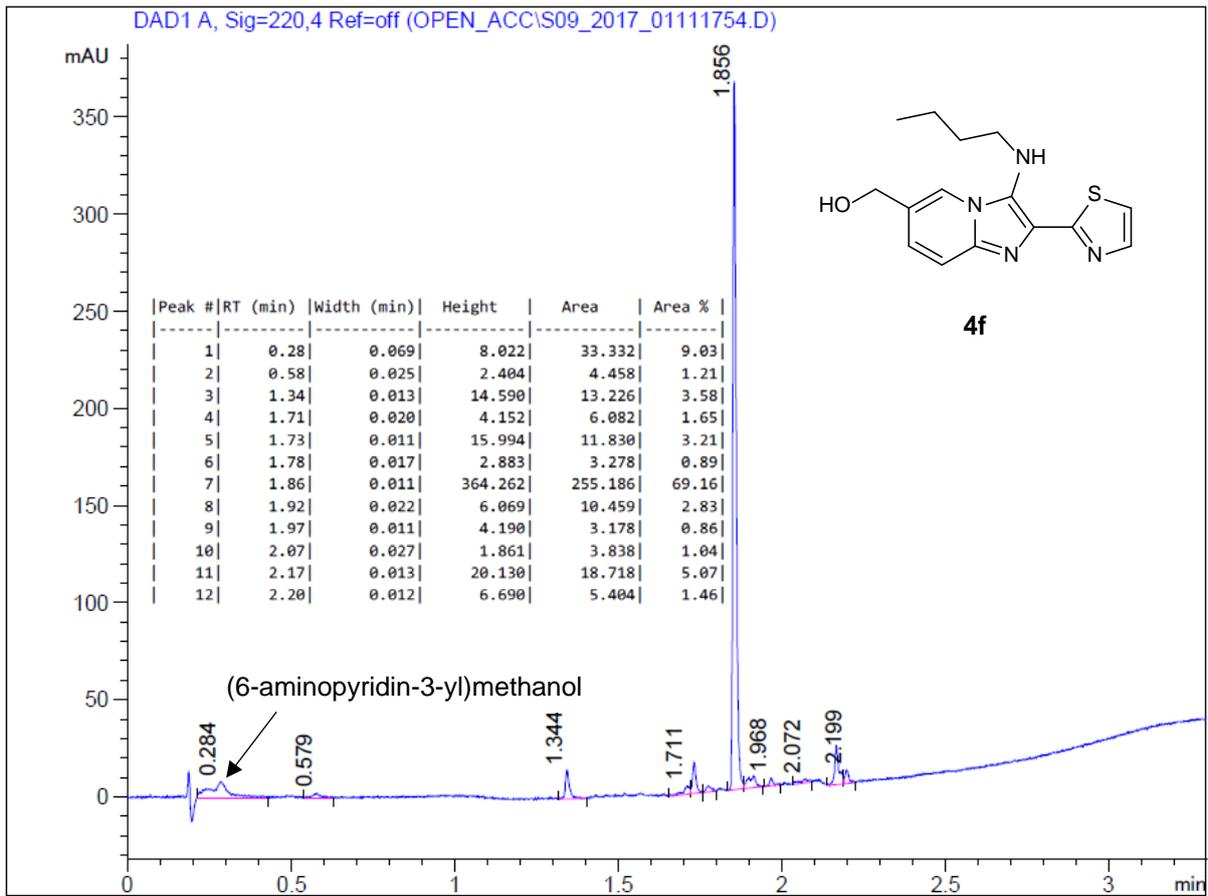


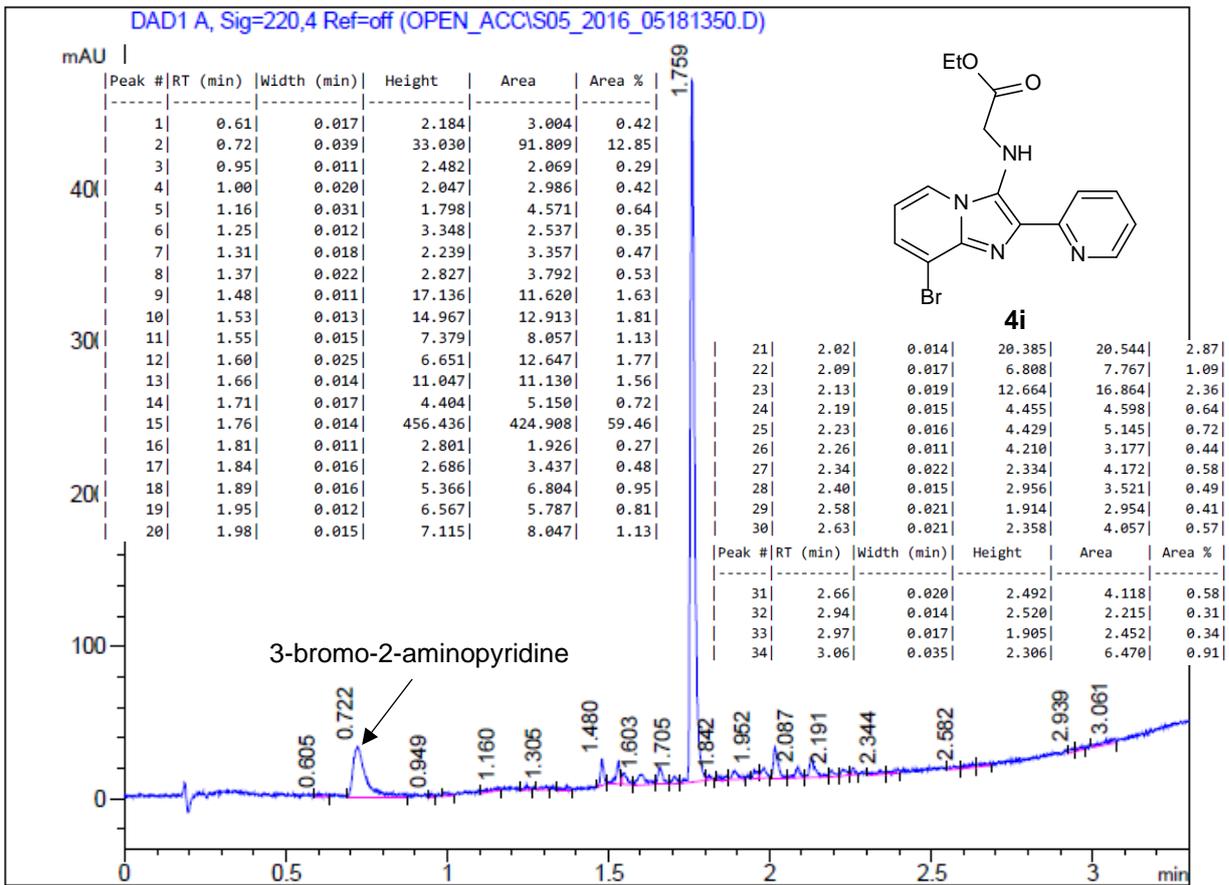
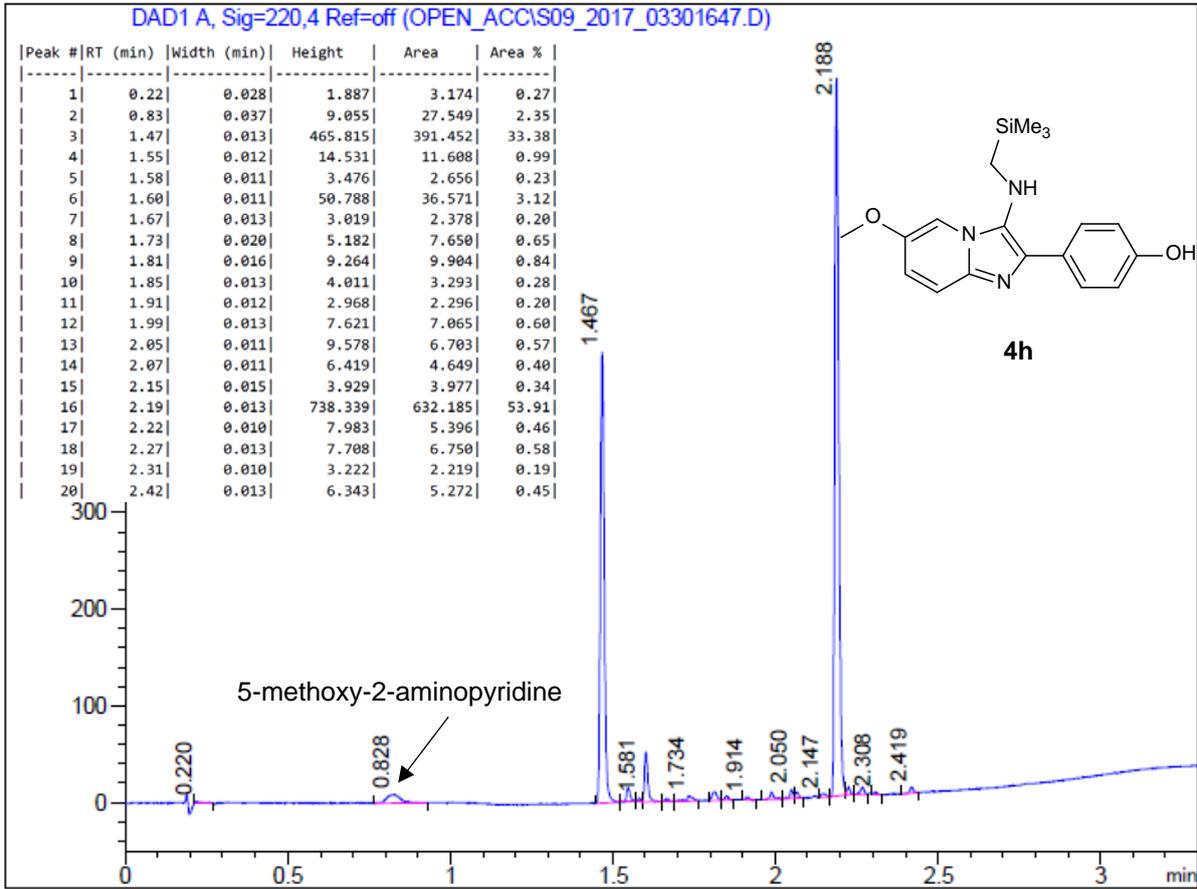
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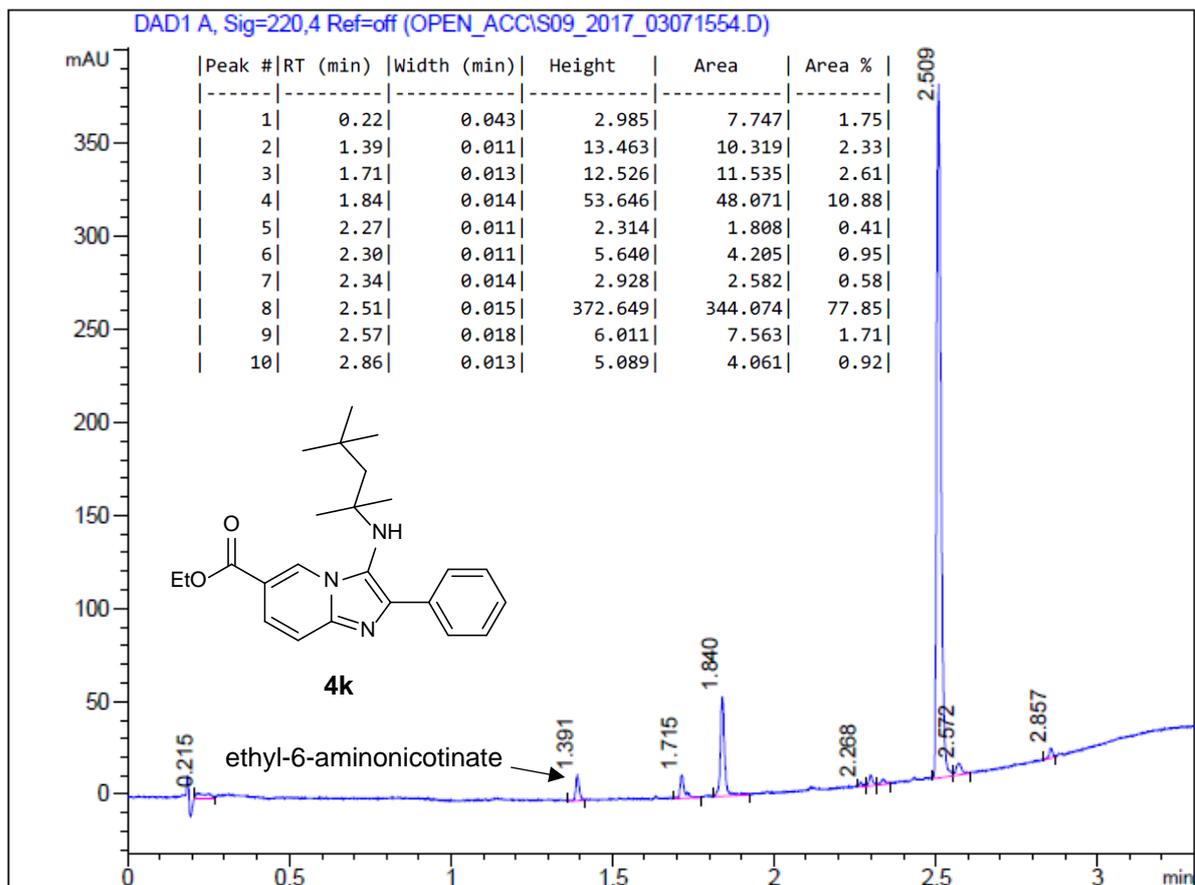
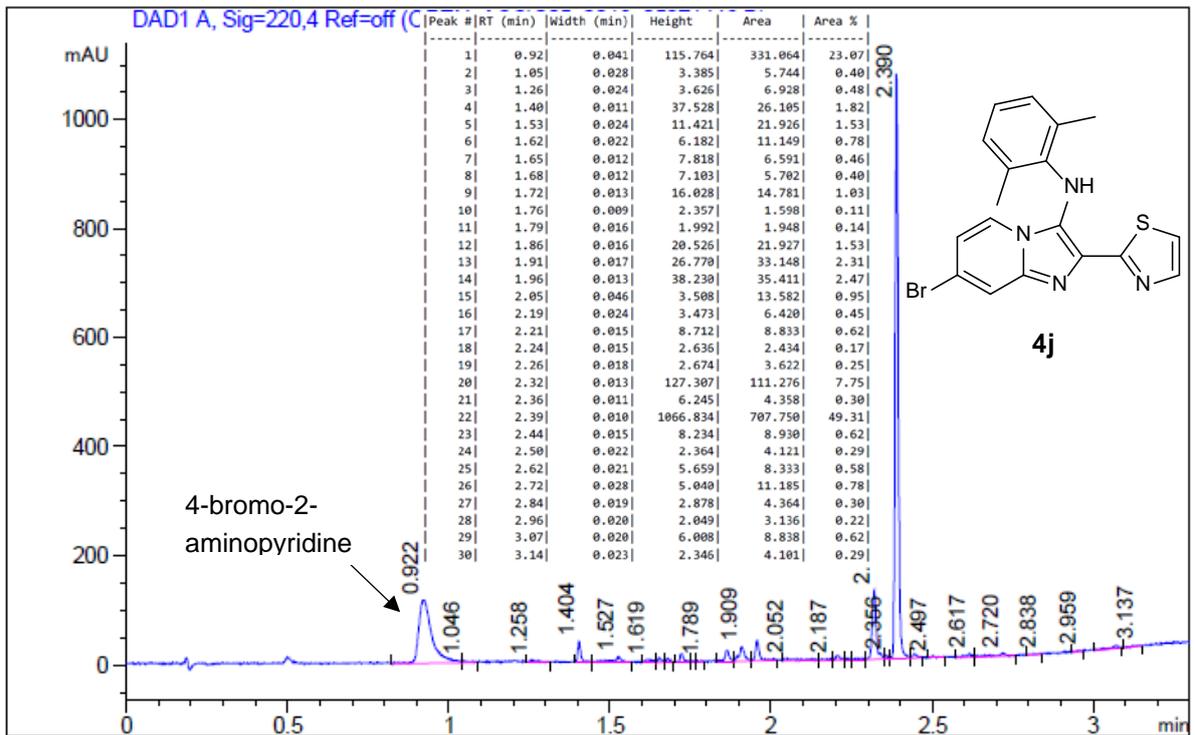


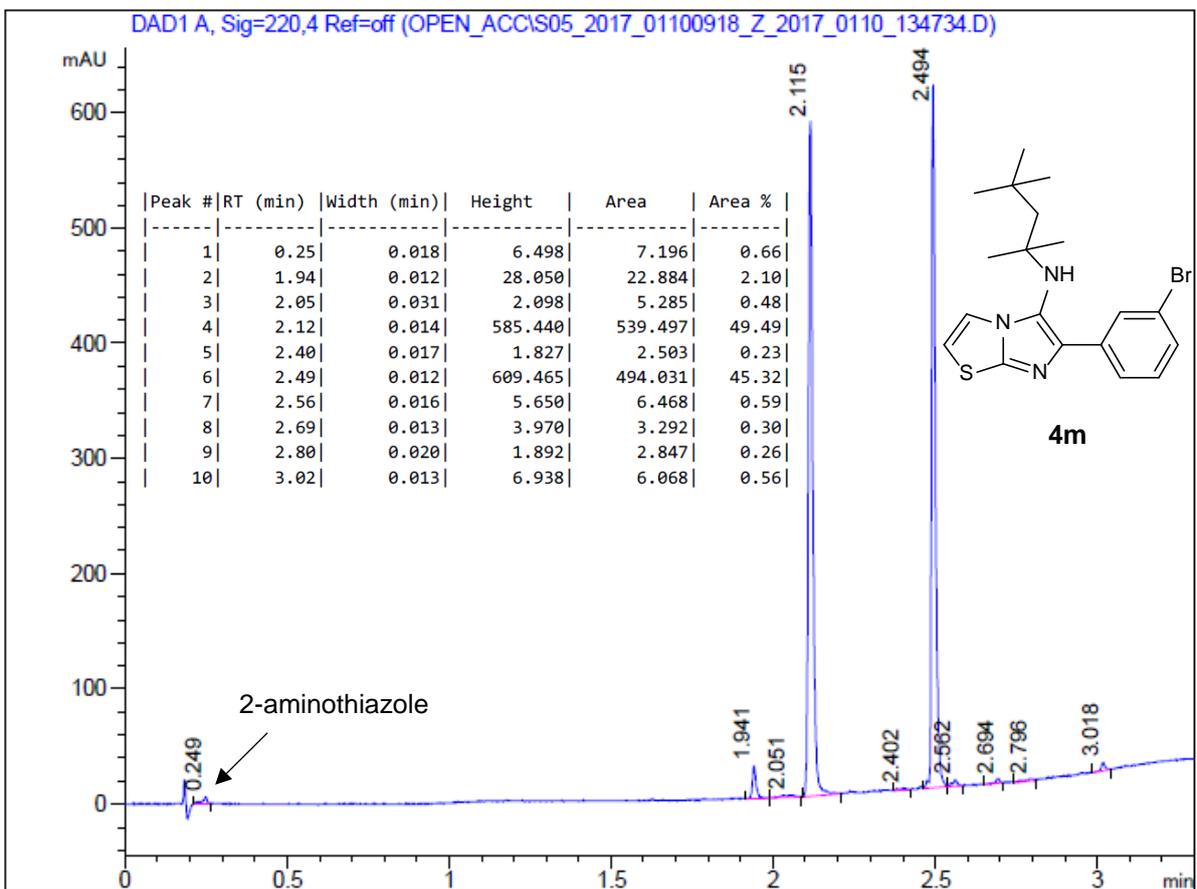
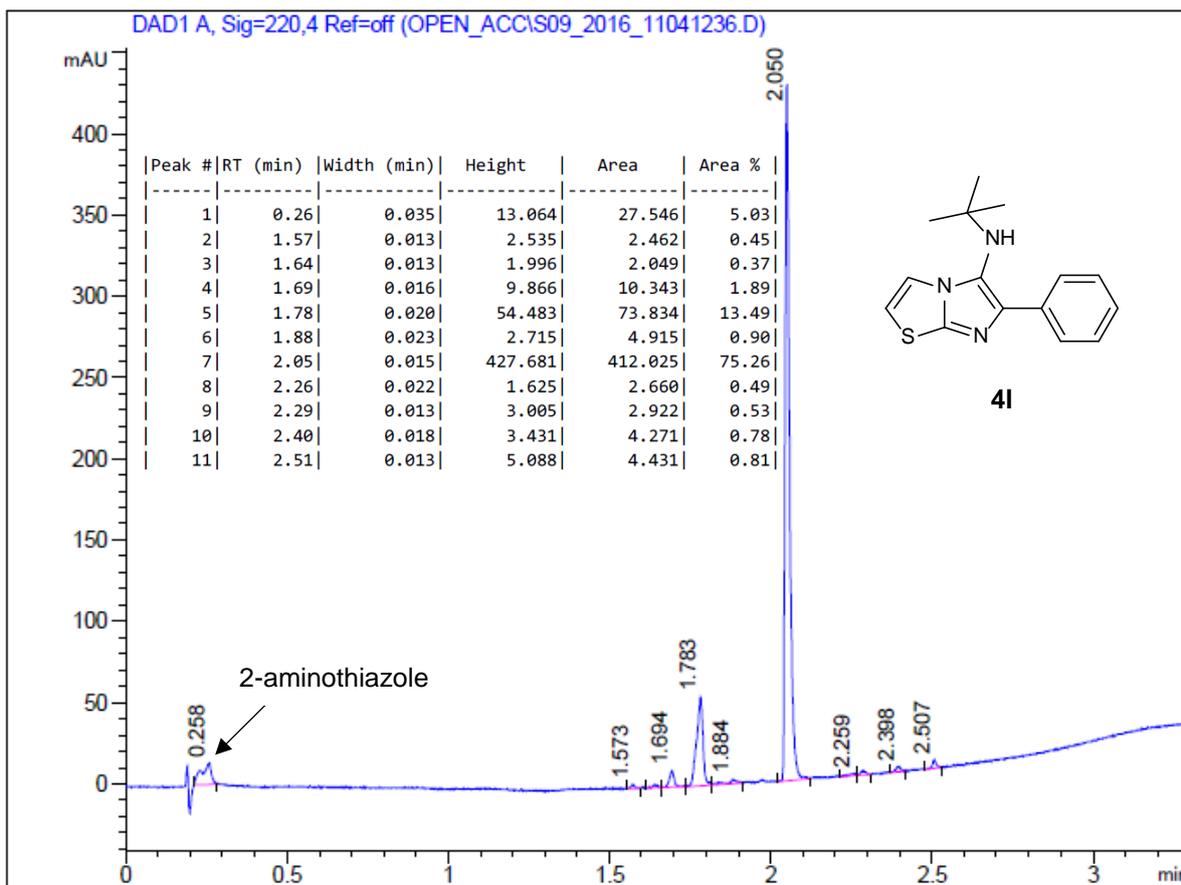


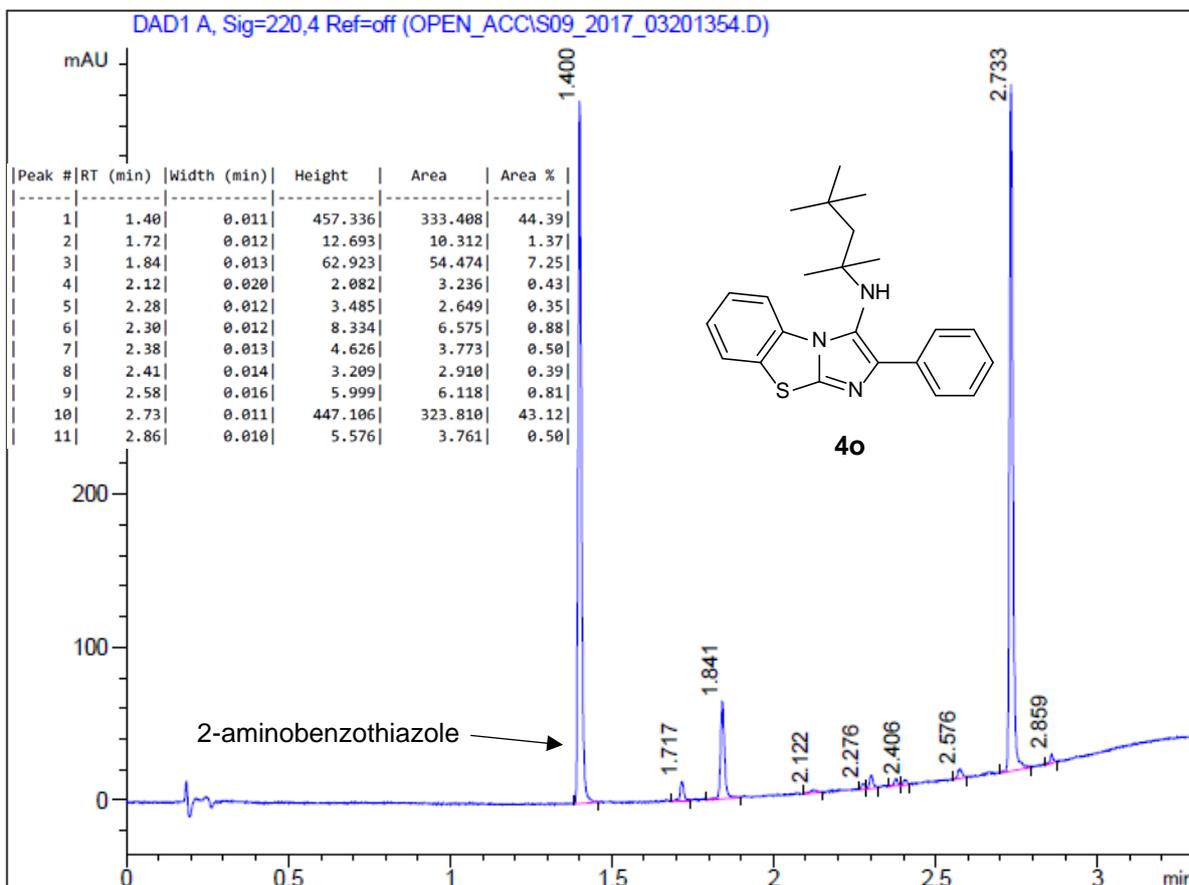
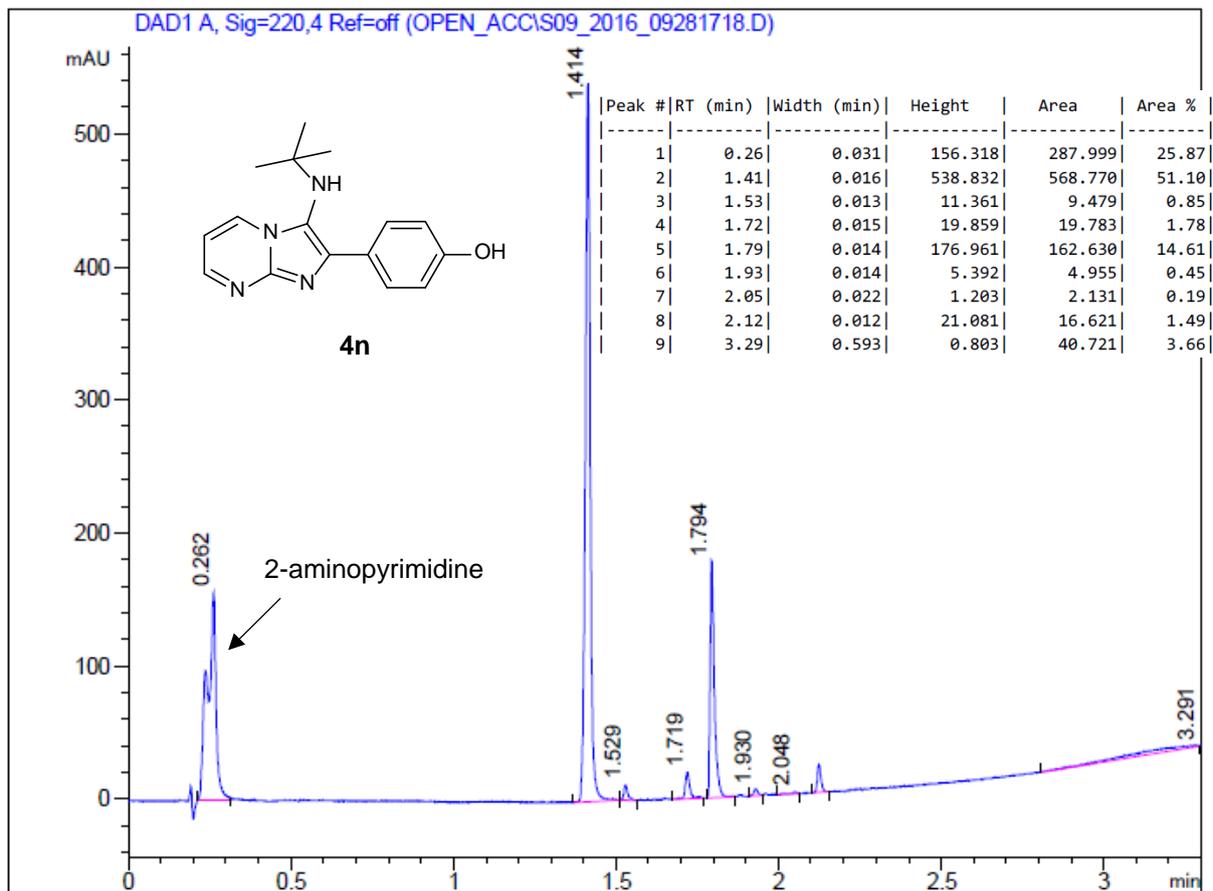


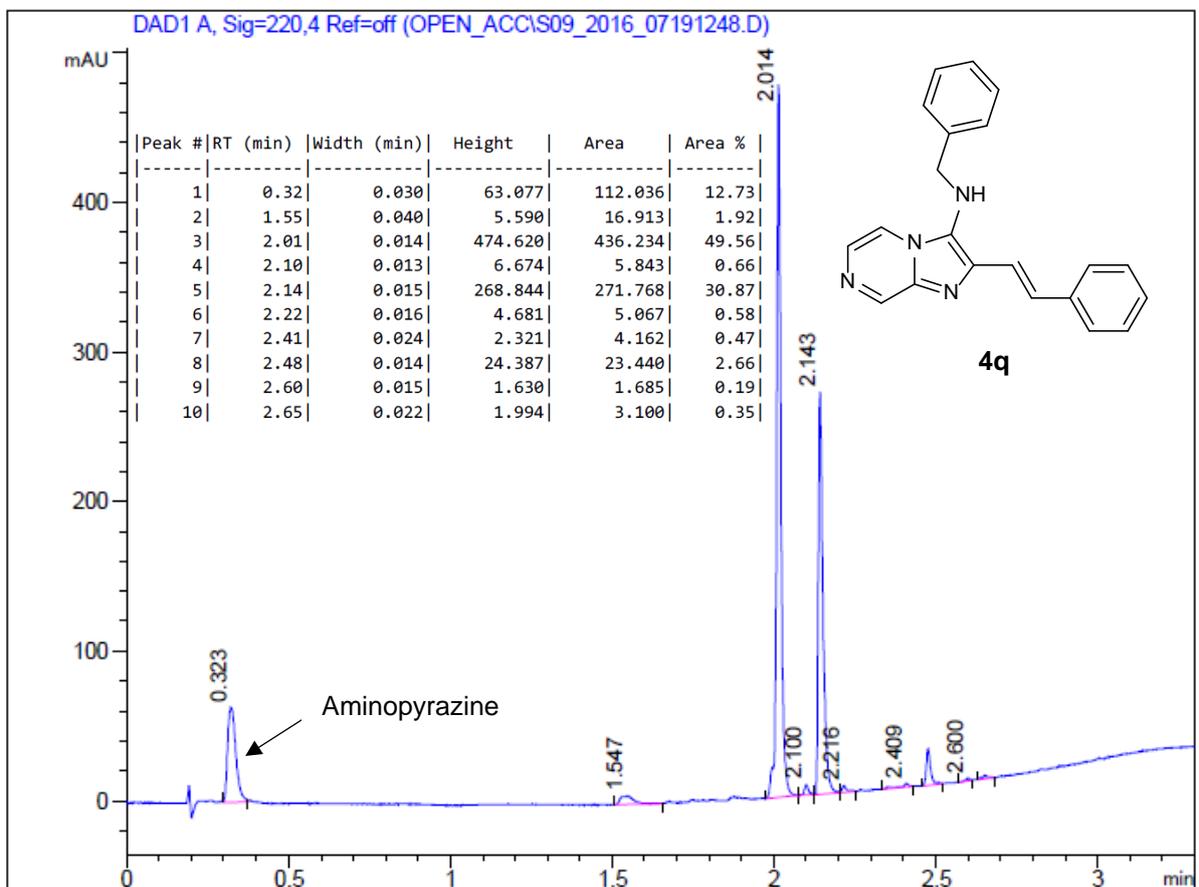
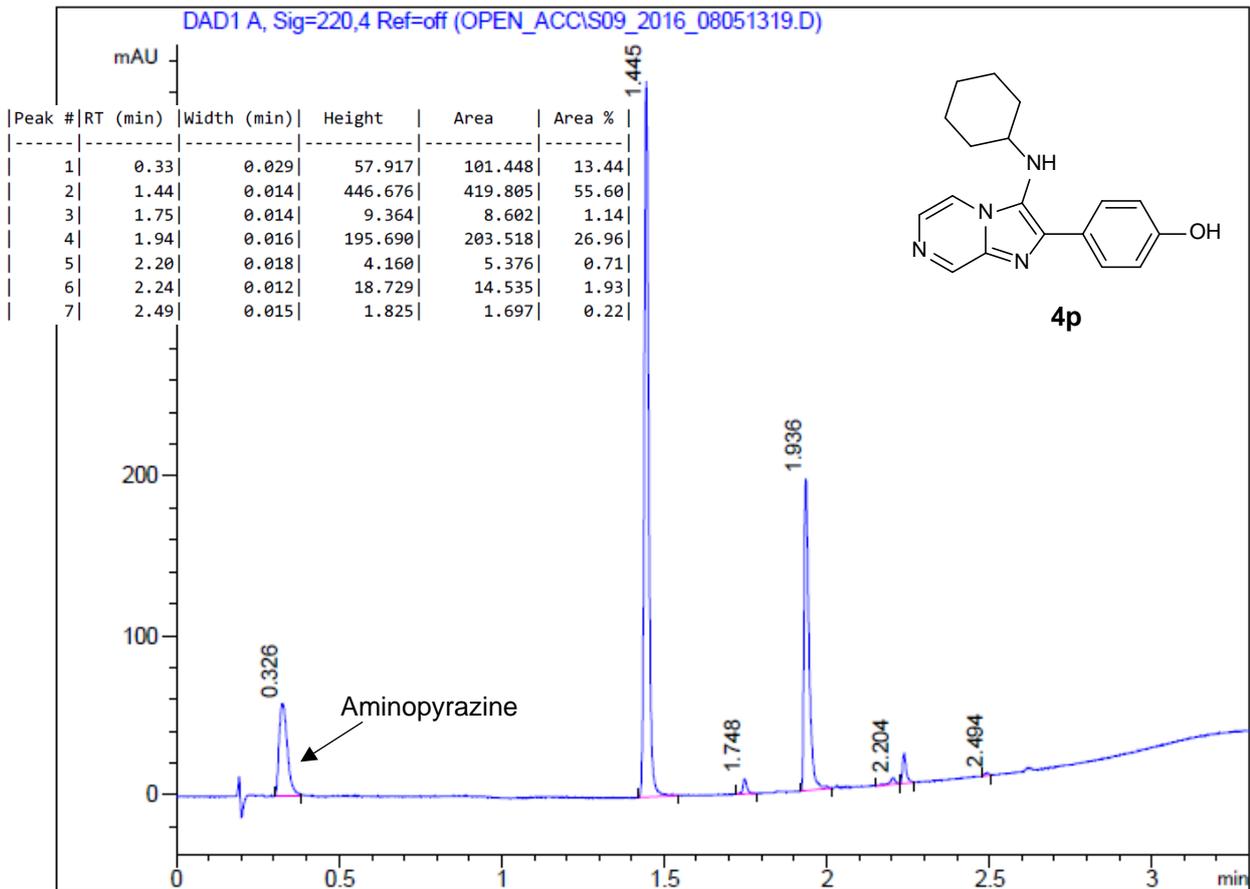


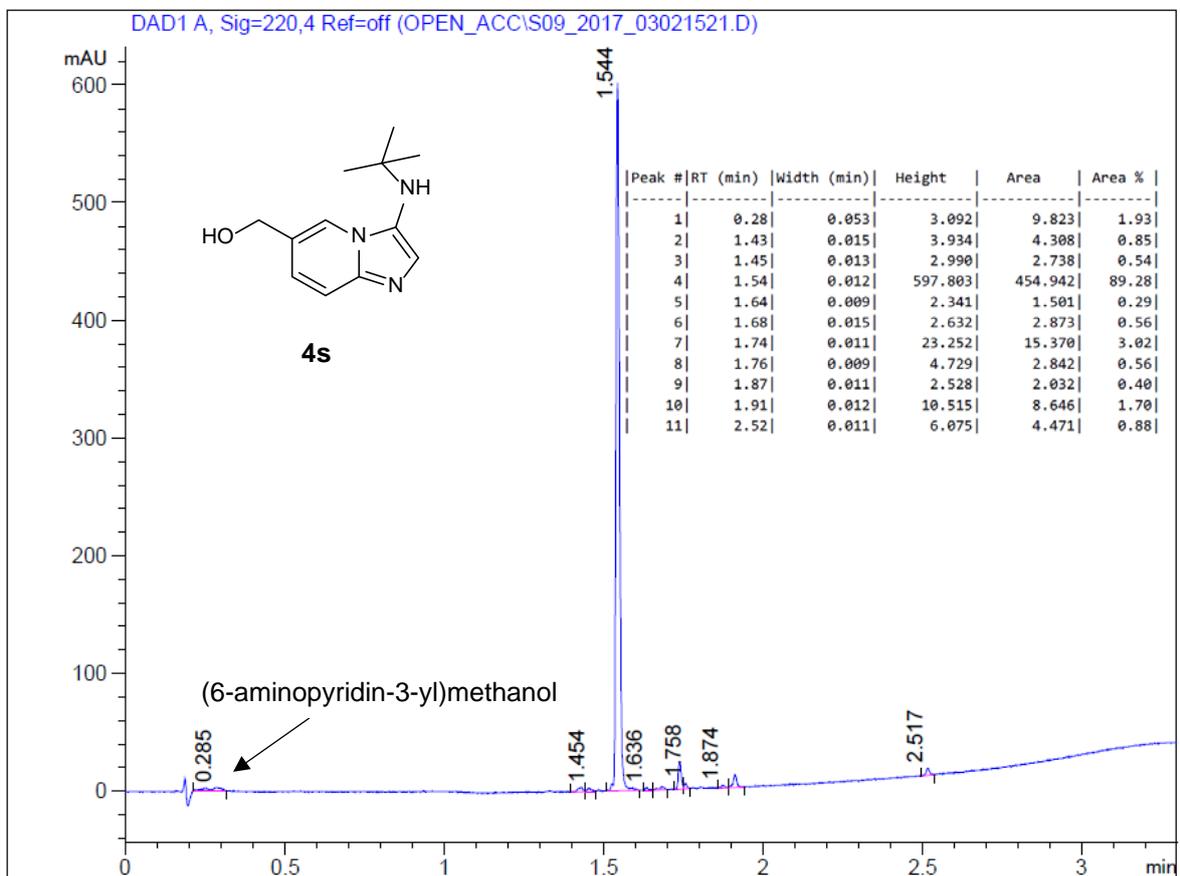
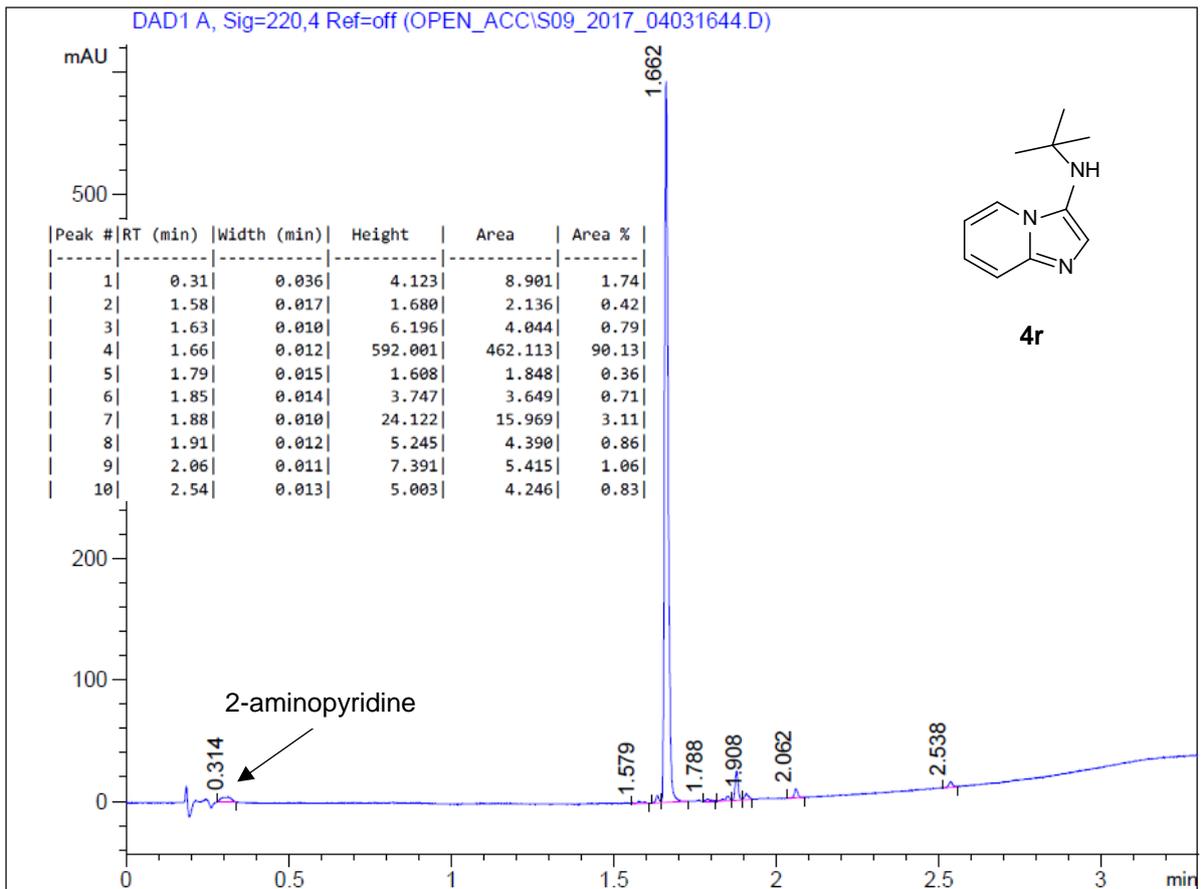


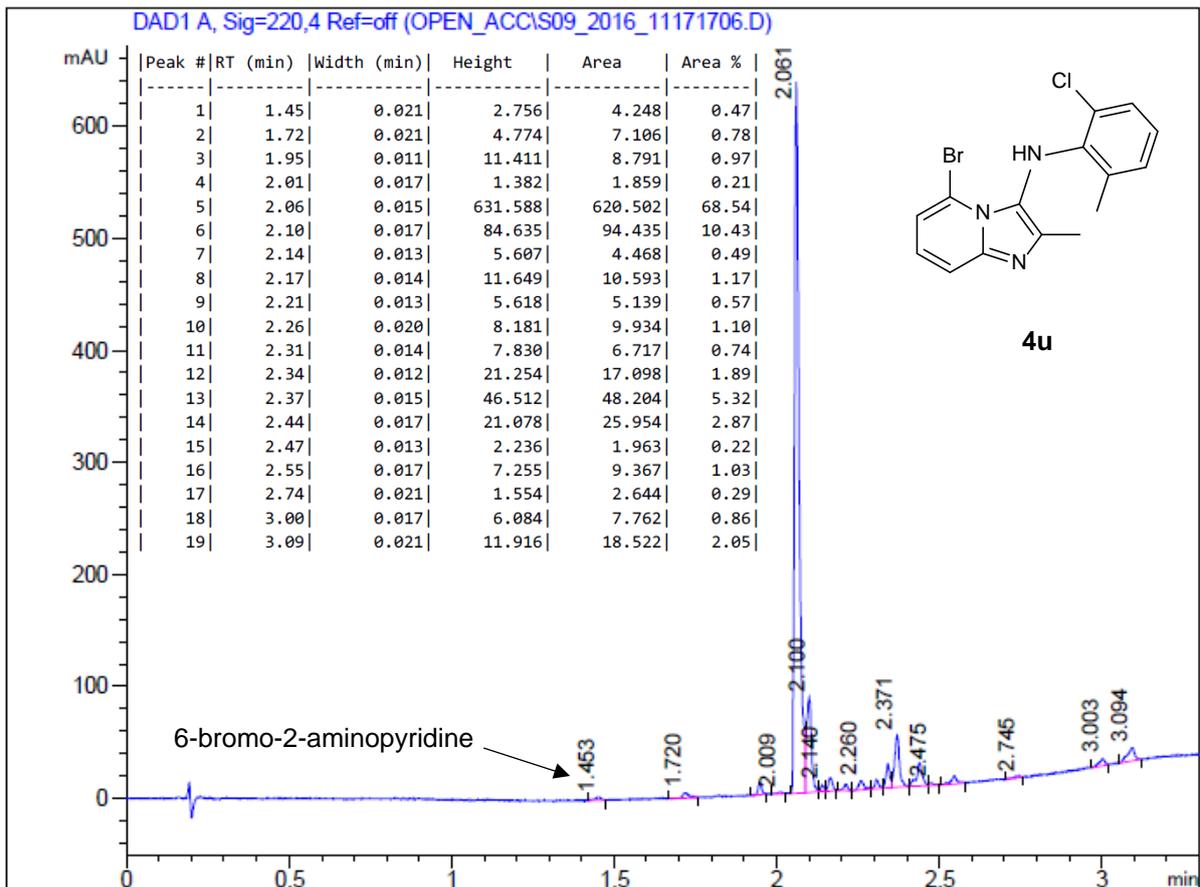
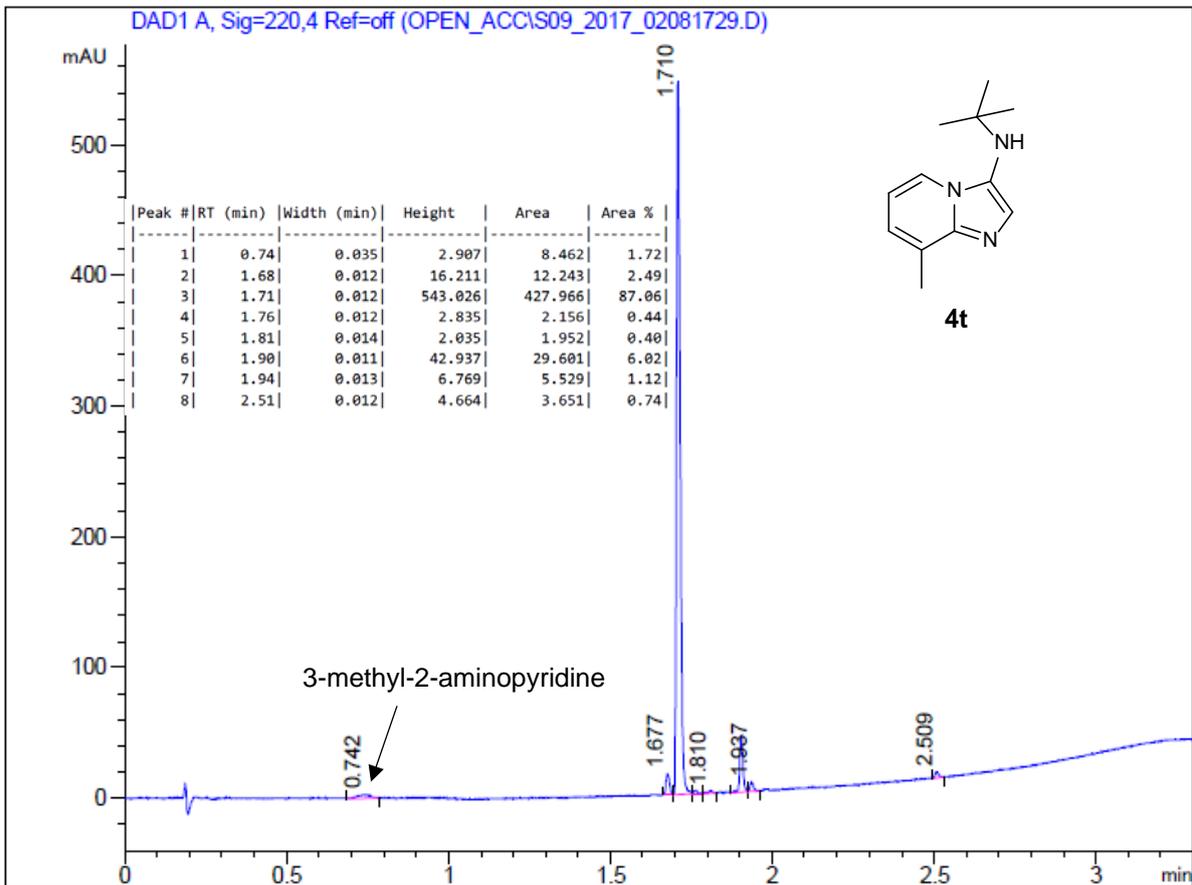


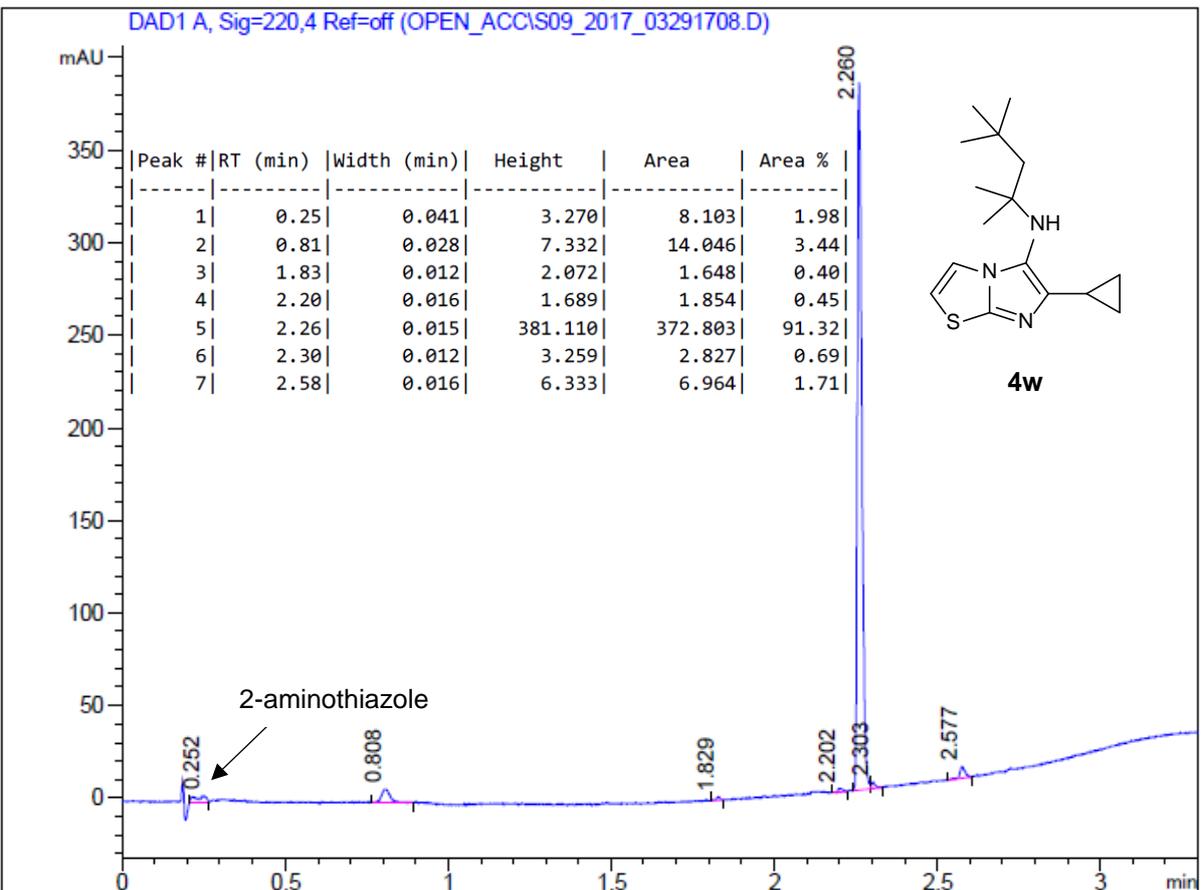
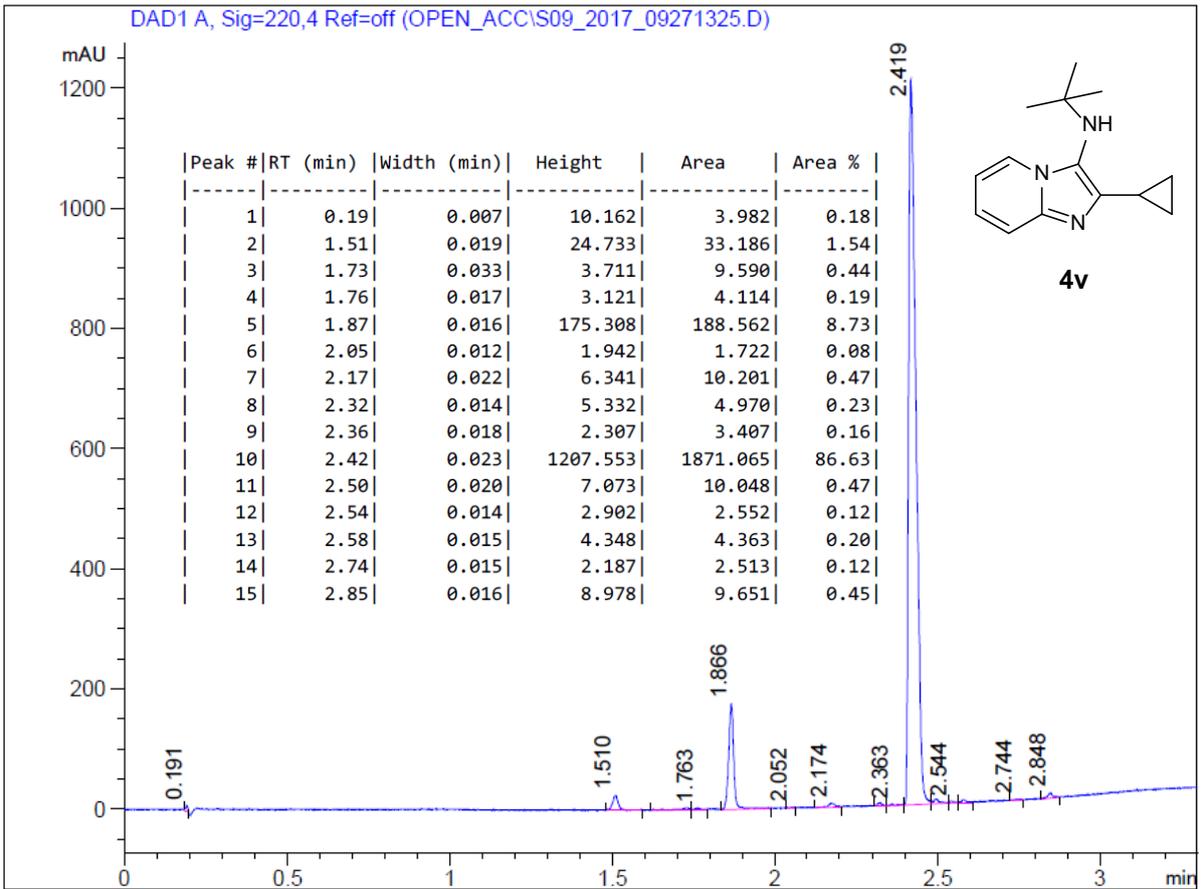


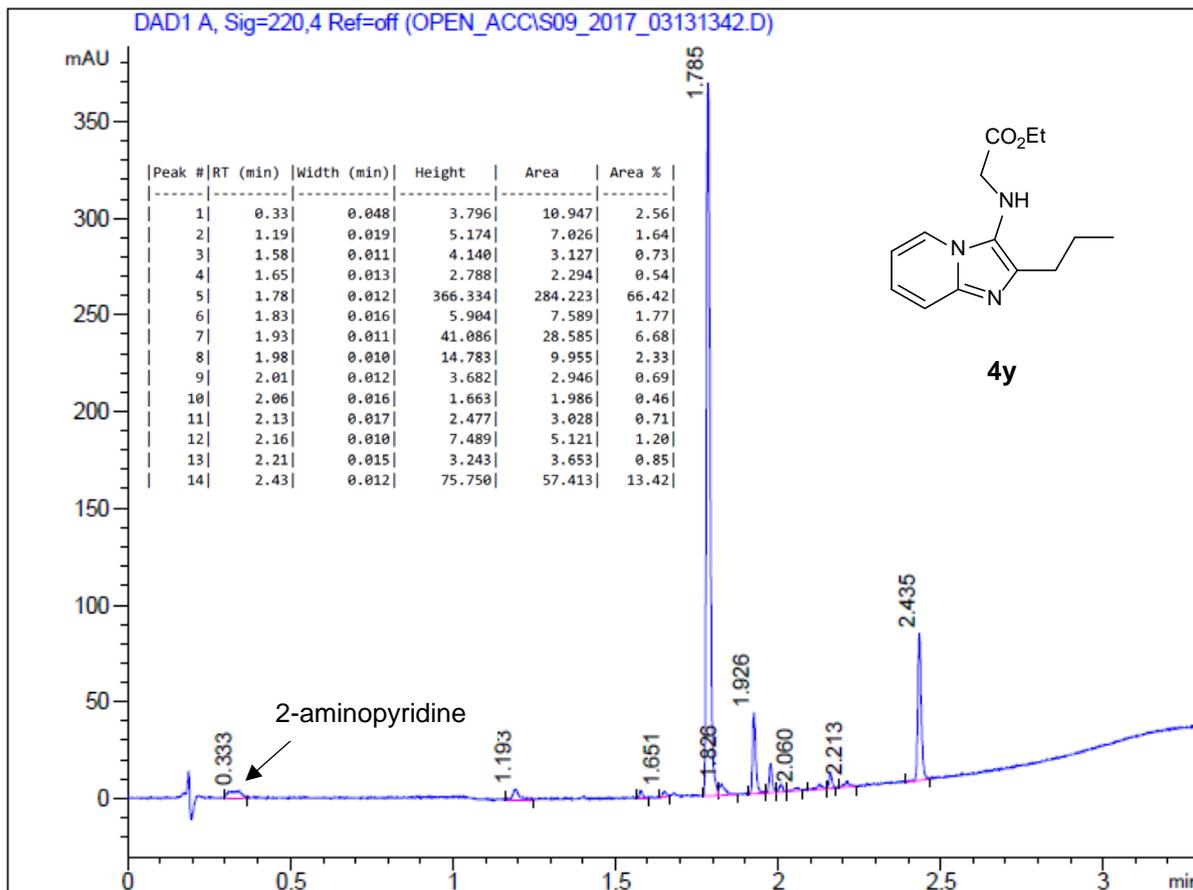
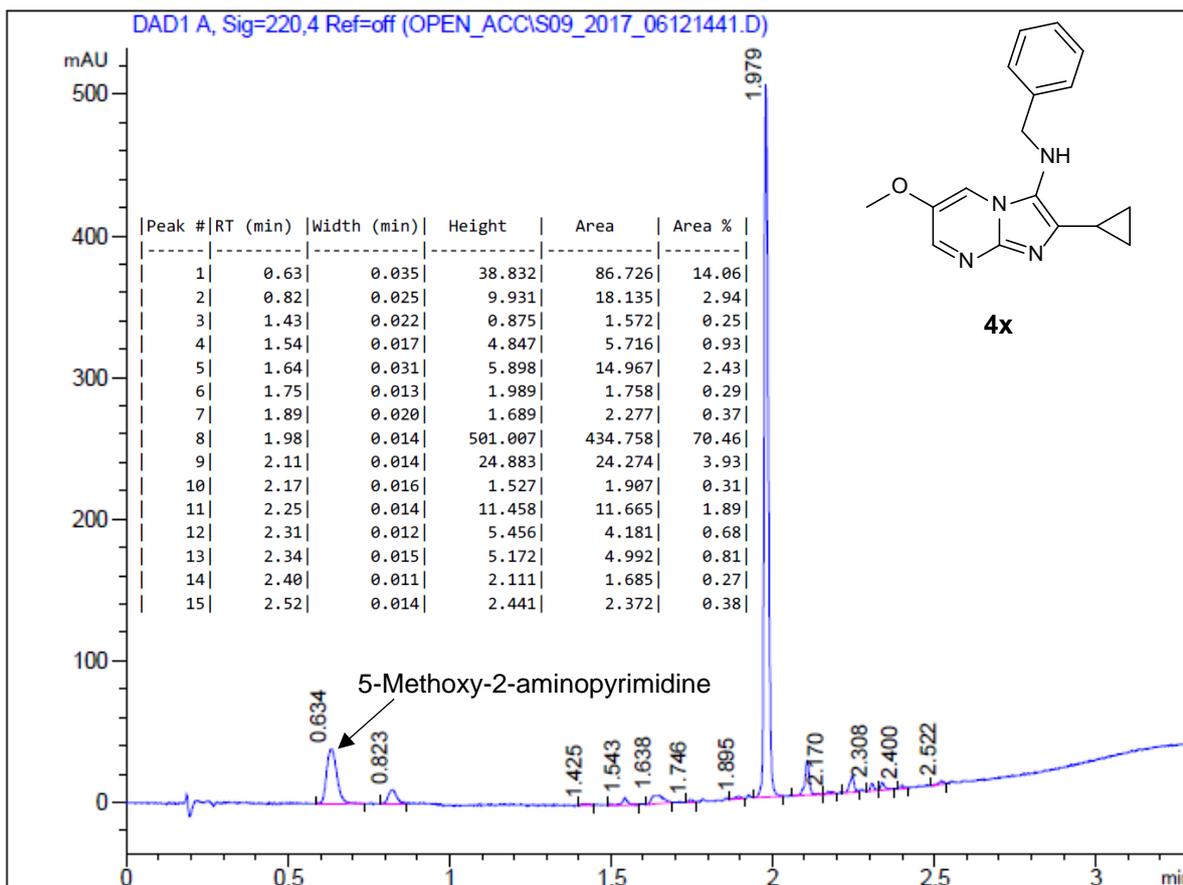


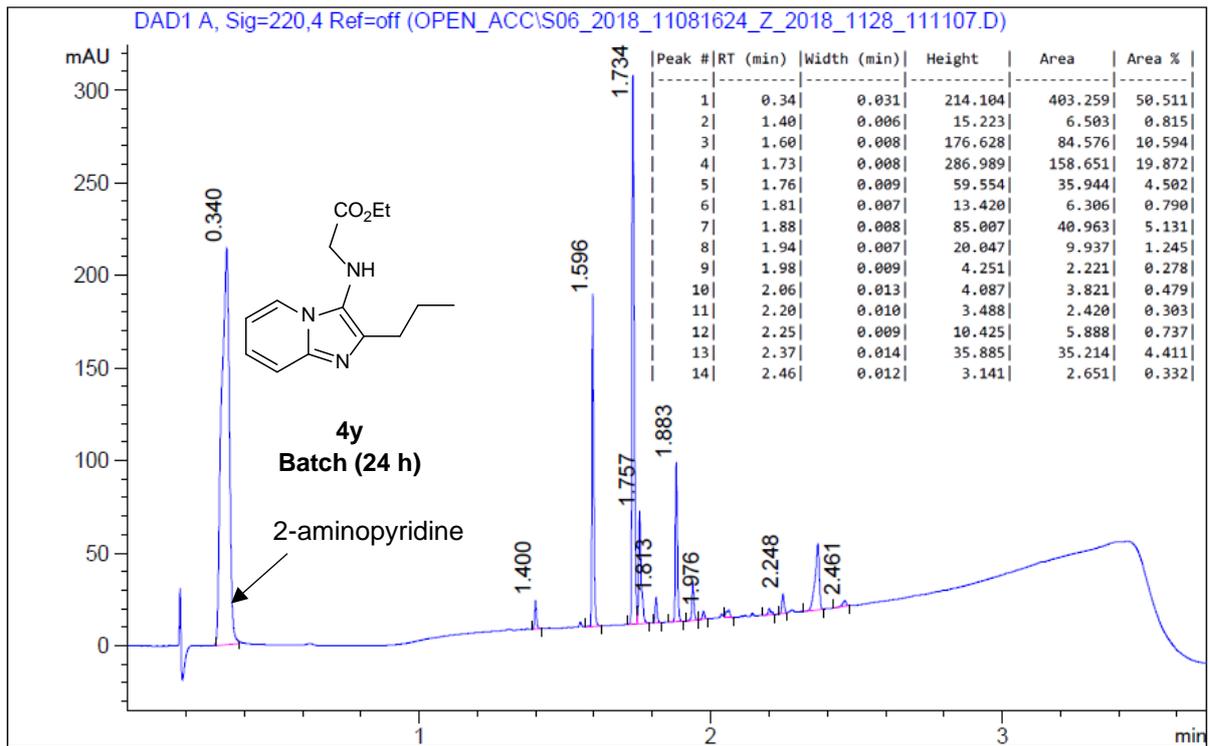
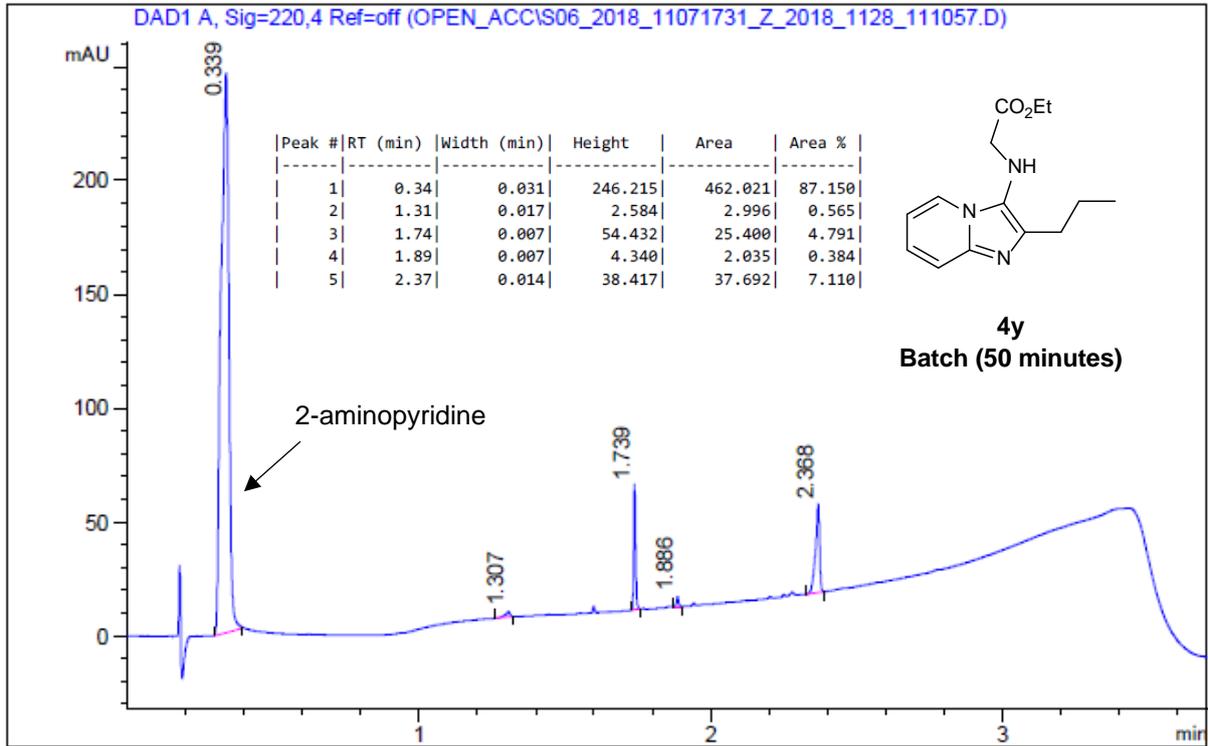


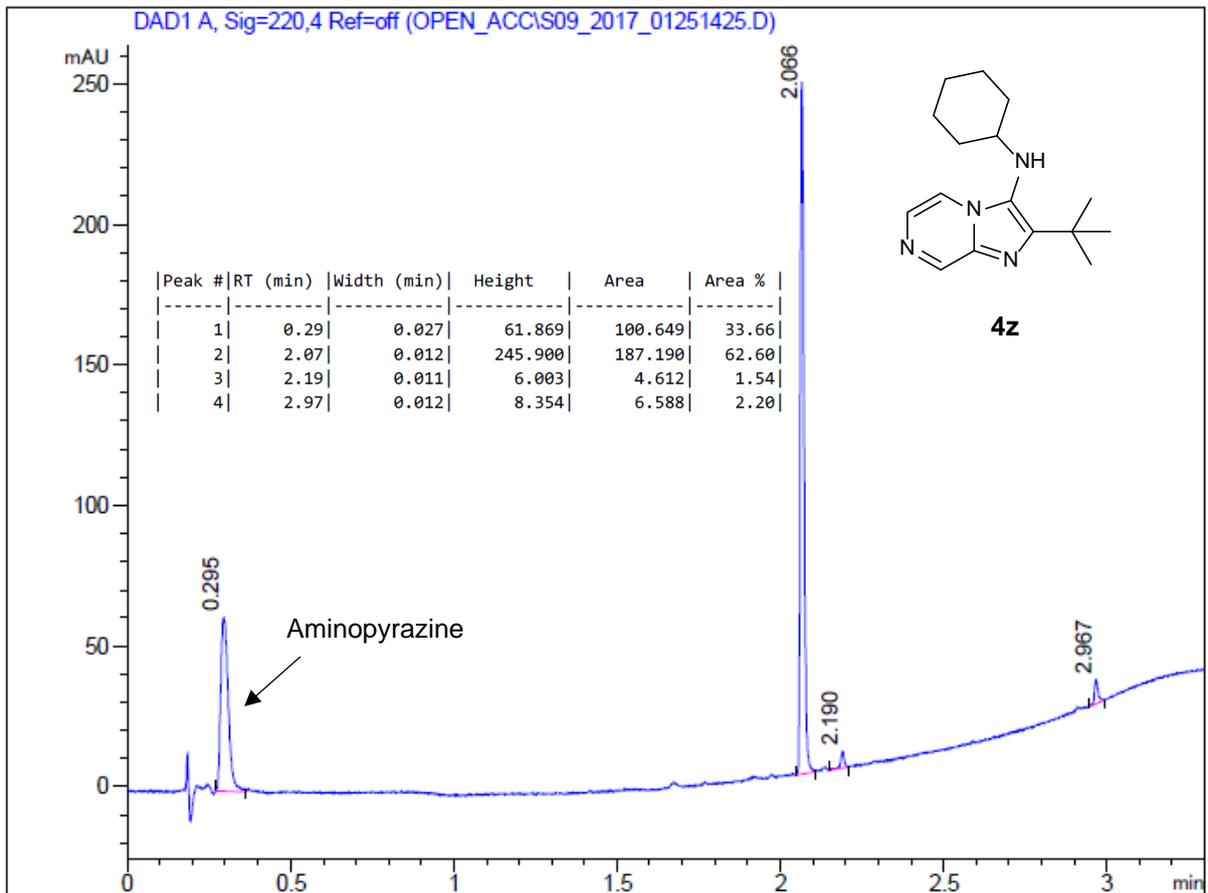
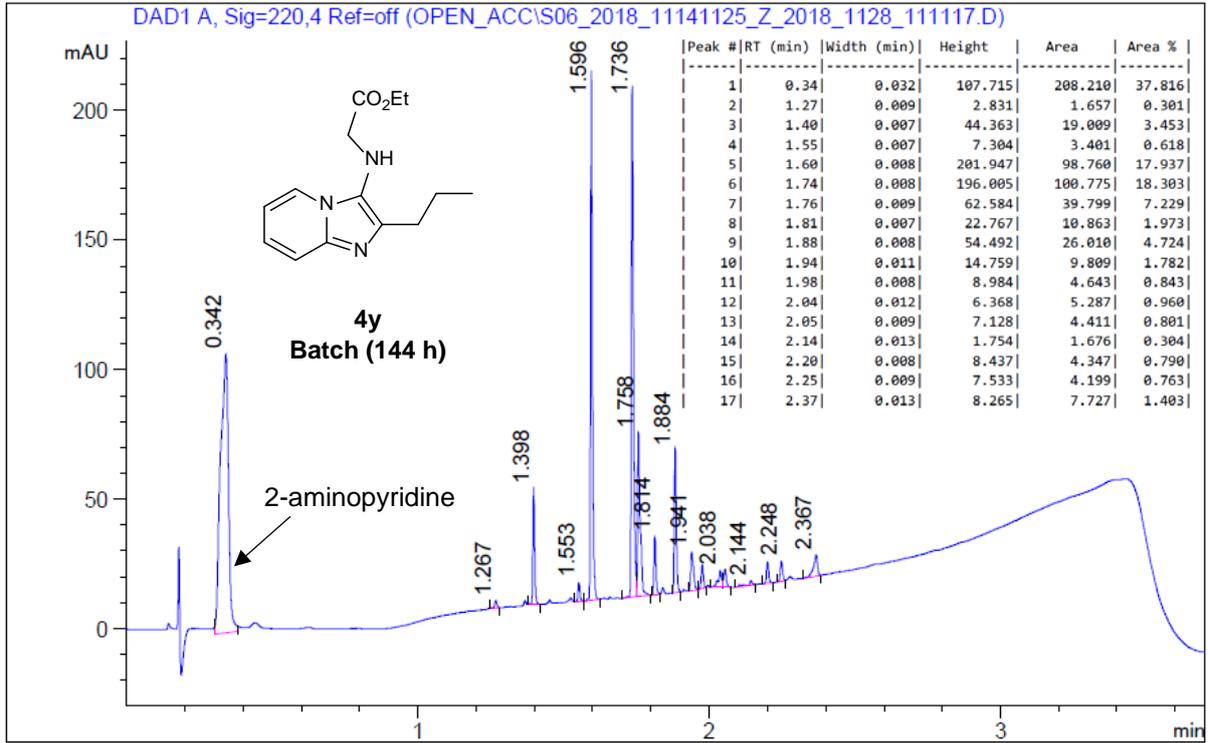


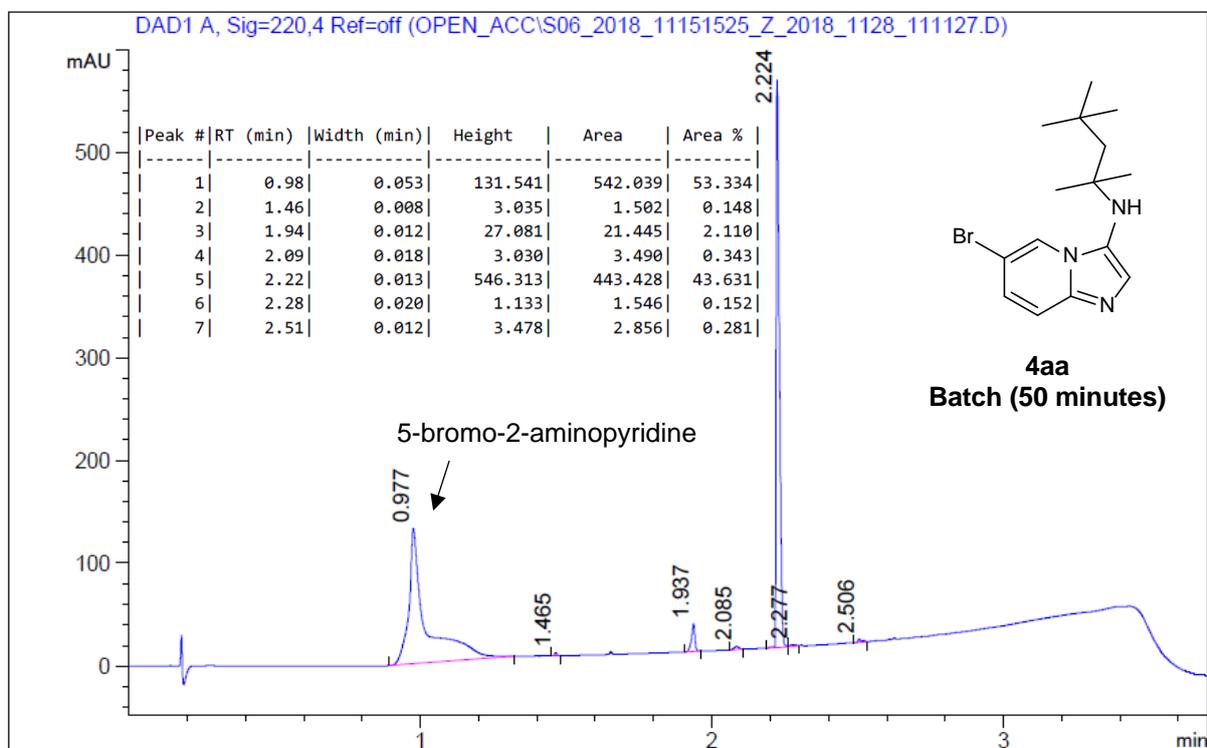
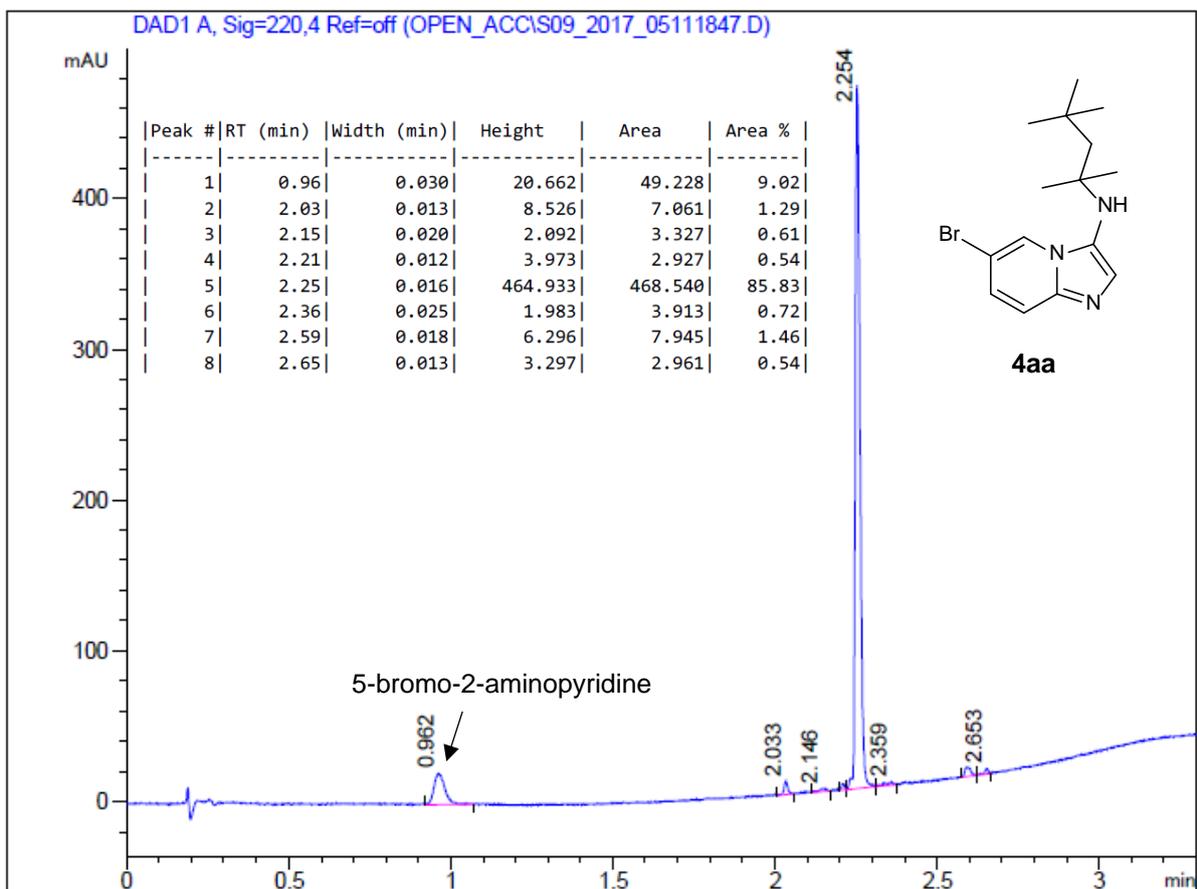


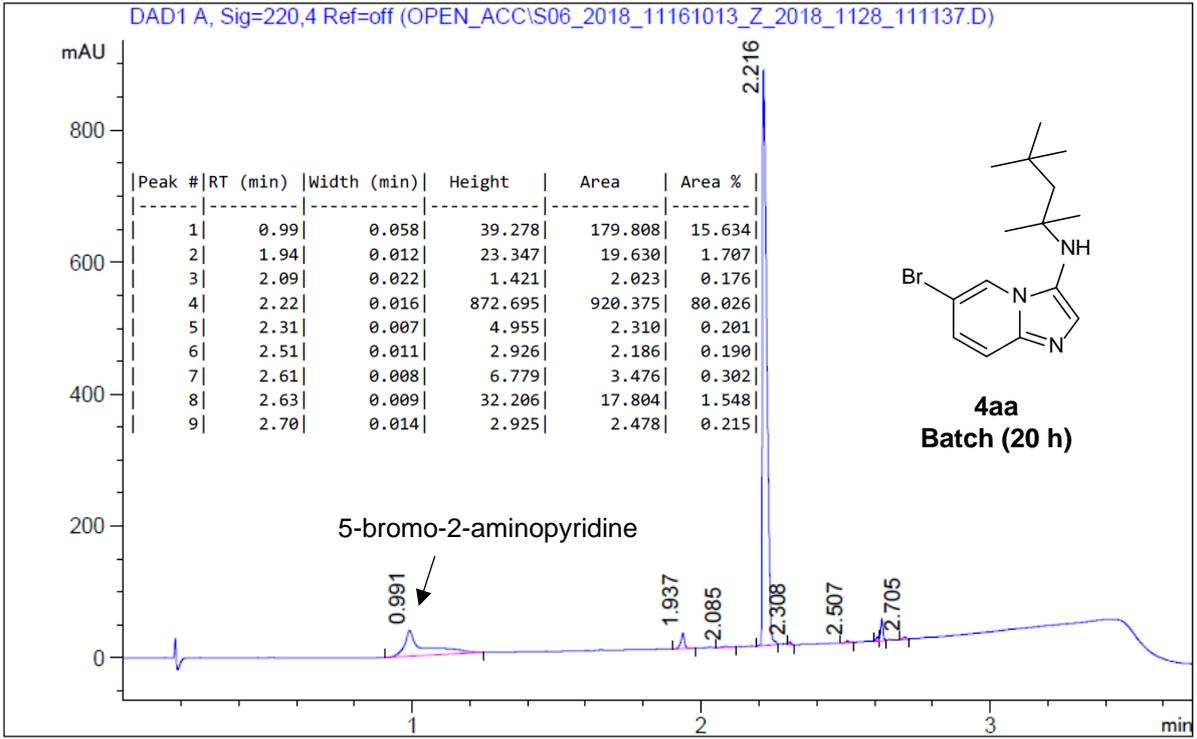












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